

IRA GUNMEN DEFEATED SAYS ARMY Only pinprick says 'Provisionals' chief

THE hard core of IRA gunmen in Ulster had been "virtually defeated," Brig. Marston Tickell, Army Chief of Staff in Northern Ireland, said yesterday. There were 50 IRA casualties, of whom 20 or 30 had been killed.

As Brigadier Tickell was speaking in Belfast, Joe Cahill, chief of the IRA Provisionals in Belfast, and one of the most wanted men in Ulster, was appearing at a carefully stage-managed Press conference behind barricades in another part of the city.

'Up to 30 IRA killed'

SECURITY forces have "virtually defeated" the hard core of IRA gunmen in Ulster, the Army Chief of Staff in Northern Ireland, Brigadier Marston Tickell, said yesterday. He said there had been 50 terrorist casualties, 20 or 30 of whom had been killed.

TROOP MOVE CUTS PALACE CEREMONY

Daily Telegraph Reporter VISITORS to London yesterday missed one of the main tourist attractions—the Guard Mounting ceremony at Buckingham Palace—because of the troubles in Ulster.

The reason for its cancellation was that the 1st Bn Grenadier Guards, which was to have taken over the normal guard, was taken over because it is going to Northern Ireland on Wednesday.

The 1st Bn the Coldstream Guards is doing a "double shift" of 48 hours ending at 11.30 a.m. today, when the 2nd Bn the Grenadier Guards takes over, also for 48 hours.

The ceremony will therefore not take place tomorrow. Normal 24-hour guard duties will be resumed on Monday.

Under strength A spokesman for London District said yesterday: "This is not the first time that there have been 48-hour guards. They happen from time to time for emergencies, at Christmas or Easter, or if a battalion is away on training."

Major Courage, of London District, said last night both battalions were under strength.

The Coldstreams have men away on leave and at training camps. The Grenadiers have a company in the British Honduras. We felt it was preferable to do this rather than completely rearrange the rota and recall men off weekend leave.

BRITONS KILLED Dr Dennis Cottom, 47, of Cambridge Gate, Regents Park, was killed and his son, Christopher, 17, was injured yesterday when they were hit by a car in Le Tholy, eastern France, police said. Christopher Cottom suffered a double fracture of his left leg and was taken to Colmar hospital.—A.P.



Joe Cahill (second from left), chief of the IRA Provisionals, making a surprising appearance at a Press conference called yesterday in Belfast by Mr Paddy Kennedy (at microphone). With them are Councillor Eugene McKenna (left) and Mr John Kelly, who was acquitted in the Dublin arms trial.

WANTED MAN AT MEETING

By TONY CONYERS and PHILIP EVANS in Belfast JOE CAHILL, chief of the Provisional IRA in Belfast, and one of the most wanted men in Ulster, made an audacious appearance yesterday at a Press conference behind the barricades in Belfast.

He related claims made by the Army a few hours earlier that the IRA were virtually beaten. He said the IRA had guns, not ammunition was short.

Then guards posted on nearby street corners warned of approaching Army patrols. Joe Cahill vanished. So did another man on the wanted list. And the Press conference broke up.

It had been carefully stage managed. Mr Paddy Kennedy, Republican Labour MP at Stormont, had told journalists that he was a Press conference on behalf of the local people. He did not mention that any IRA men would be attending.

Dark glasses The conference was held in the gymnasium of St Peter's Secondary School in the Roman Catholic district of Whitecross. With Mr Kennedy on the platform were Joe Cahill and John Kelly, former chairman of the Belfast Citizens Defence Committee.

Kelly, one of four men acquitted in Dublin last October of illegally importing guns and ammunition into the Irish Republic, is wanted for questioning by the Ulster security forces. Cahill was arrested during the internment sloop on Monday. He has been living underground since then.

Yesterday he wore dark glasses, a check cloth cap, dark blue shirt and grey overcoat. He was introduced only as "a leading member of the Republican movement," but was instantly recognised by many of those present.

He said the IRA casualties in this week's fighting had been two dead, and eight wounded. Only 30 had been interned, including one brigade officer and one battalion officer. "They were the highest ranking officers we lost," he said. "It is just a pin-prick."

But he did admit that the situation was desperate. The reason was that ammunition was in short supply.

Brigadier Marston Tickell, Army Chief of Staff in Ulster, said yesterday that soldiers involved in an incident last weekend in which Mr Harry Thornton, a van driver, was shot dead by a paratrooper, had acted "correctly."

First reports from the Army said that two shots had been fired at Springfield Road Police Station, Belfast, from Mr Thornton's passing van. Eyewitnesses claimed the vehicle had been fired at.

Lynch 'irresponsible' says Faulkner

By T. E. UTLEY in Belfast IN an extremely strong statement issued yesterday Mr Brian Faulkner, the Ulster Prime Minister, made it clear that he regards the door as closed on the prospect of constructive dealing with the Dublin Government.

He also roundly accused Mr Lynch, Prime Minister of Eire, of exploiting civil strife in the North after Mr Lynch's call for the abolition of the Stormont Government by peaceful means and its replacement by a Council or Commission representing equally Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Mr Faulkner said: "Now that I have had an opportunity to consider Mr Lynch's statement more fully, I wish to make a number of comments on its general tone and language as used by one Government of another in a friendly country are extraordinary. It will be a matter for the United Kingdom Government to consider whether an intrusion of this sort, expressed in these terms, is compatible with a decent relationship between neighbouring States."

What is apparent is that no further attempt by us to deal constructively with the present Government to consider whether an intrusion of this sort, expressed in these terms, is compatible with a decent relationship between neighbouring States.

It has been the general practice of Mr Lynch to talk in moderate terms when Northern Ireland is at peace, but when we are in difficulties here to exploit the situation in an irresponsible and opportunist way.

All of us in the North remember his intervention in August 1969 when the vague but threatening tone of his television broadcast undoubtedly contributed to the general rise in tension and thus to deaths and injuries which occurred here.

There is in yesterday's statement the usual general rejection of violence, but not a mention of the difficulties here, or of the condemnation of the IRA which has for months now been slaughtering and kidnapping.

Continued on Back P., Col. 5 NO TEST PLACE FOR SNOW John Snow, the England fast bowler, left out of the previous Test for disciplinary reasons after barging an Indian batsman, who let alone a single run, in the Oval on Thursday.

He was considered by the selectors but they decided that both Peter Lever and John Price, England's opening attack at Old Trafford, had earned their retention. Derek Underwood replaces the injured Norman Gifford. E. W. Swanton and pictures—P18

WATNEYS BID AGAIN By Our City Staff Watney Mann yesterday presented to Truman Hanbury Buxton directors the eighth takeover bid for the company in six weeks. Details will not be published unless the Truman board in a statement. Details—P13

EXPLOSION AT ULSTER PUB Four people taken to hospital after explosion at public house three miles from Antrim. Extent of injuries not immediately known.

TAYLOR BEATEN (Lance Tinsley—P20) Tom Okker (Holland) beat Remy Taylor (GB) 6-2, 6-4 in men's singles quarter-final in Toronto.

WALL STREET ON WALL STREET the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 556.02, down 2.89.

BRITAIN BACKS DOLLAR

By CLIFFORD GERMAN, Our Financial Correspondent THE Bank of England bought more dollars on foreign currency markets yesterday while speculation against the dollar continued in anticipation of a possible devaluation or other measures over the weekend.

The financial crisis which has been simmering for 10 days seems likely to continue until further changes in the international monetary system are introduced.

Speculators are already anticipating some of the suggested reforms and measures taken by French and Swiss authorities to limit the inflow of dollars have further weakened confidence in the dollar.

During the past week the Bank of England has bought according to some £200 million of dollars, according to yesterday's dealing.

Token sum The dollar was also supported in Switzerland, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan yesterday to prevent it falling below its minimum price agreed under international rules.

The German Bundesbank also bought a token sum of dollars, although it is not obliged to do so since the mark was "floated" three months ago.

The Swiss National Bank announced new measures yesterday to try to discourage international traders and dealers from selling dollars and buying Swiss francs.

Dollar Range Plan Supported—P13; RECORD £260m LENT TO HOME-BUYERS By Our City Staff During July a record £260 million was lent by building societies to home-buyers. The previous highest figure for a single month's lending was in June when the amount was £237 million.

A spokesman for the Building Societies Association said that builders have been selling houses "very fast" and that there had been a marked increase in the number of buildings started.

This year has been a record one all round for the building society movement. In the first six months, a total in excess of £1,000 million was lent to home-buyers. City Details—P13

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Today's Weather GENERAL SITUATION: Low pressure covers England and Wales. Ridge of high pressure will approach Scotland later.

LONDON, S.E. CENT. S. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, E. MIDLANDS: Rain early, scattered showers. Sunny spells later. Wind S.W., light to moderate. Max. 70F (21C).

S.W. ENGLAND, S. WALES, W. MIDLANDS: Scattered showers, sunny spells. Wind variable or S.W. light, 60F (16C).

Nato forced to quit Malta headquarters

By OUR BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT THE North Atlantic Treaty Organisation announced in Brussels last night that it is withdrawing its Mediterranean naval headquarters from Malta in accordance with the wishes of the Maltese Government.

The headquarters, which have been in Malta since 1952, and employ about 500 officers, enlisted men and civilians, are expected to be moved to Naples, overall headquarters of Nato in the area.

But the decision makes no difference to Britain's financial proposals for continued use of military facilities on the island.

Nato sources said last night that the alliance was still willing to contribute towards such an offer.

Expelled admiral The future of its Malta headquarters has been uncertain since Mr Don Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, was reported to have expelled Admiral Gino Birindelli, the Nato commander, from the island in June.

Informed observers in Brussels say that British personnel on the island would man the communications centre at present operated by Nato.

The communiqué issued last night by the Alliance's permanent Council said: "The Government of Malta has made known to the North Atlantic Council that it desires to alter the existing relationship between Malta and Nato."

After consultation with the Government of Malta, Nato has replied that it will respect the wishes of the Government of Malta.

The Defence Planning Committee has given instructions to the Nato military authorities to start the necessary preparations for the transfer of Nato's activities elsewhere.

NOT UNEXPECTED OUR DIPLOMAT CORRESPONDENT telephoned from Valletta last night: The decision over Nato's headquarters was not unexpected.

They had been on the island at Britain's invitation rather than that of any Maltese Government and the fact has long stuck in Mr Mintoff's throat.

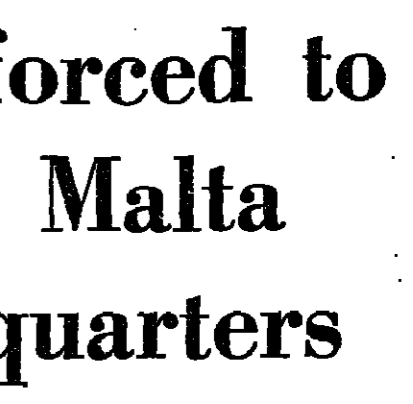
The headquarters are not regarded as of special importance and their incorporation into the Alliance headquarters in Naples would not be a serious inconvenience.

Mr Mintoff's decision does indicate that he is not enthusiastic about the joint British-Nato offer for continued use of military bases on the island, but in itself does not bar the use of the island by Nato.

Development aid He has reacted coldly to the main features outlined to him by Sir Duncan Watson, British High Commissioner. They are: 1—An annual cash payment of £5 million, of which an undisclosed part of it would come from the Nato allies.

2—A further £5,500,000 annually in development aid from Britain. 3—An offer in principle by some Nato allies to help Malta's economic development, in ways to be negotiated directly between them and the Maltese Government.

4—The continued benefit of spending by British forces now running at £13 million a year. Under the existing 10-year agreement, which Mr Mintoff regards as a dead letter, Malta receives about £5 million a year from Britain, 75 per cent in grants and 25 per cent in loans.



MINTOFF NOTE FOR BRITAIN

By VINCENT RYDER Diplomatic Correspondent in Valletta MR DOM MINTOFF, the Maltese Prime Minister, last night handed over a new message to the British Government to Mr Duncan Watson, Britain's High Commissioner on the island.

The contents were not disclosed but it is believed they were far from friendly.

The joint British-Nato offer for use of island facilities was discussed last night by the Maltese Cabinet, meeting for the first time since Mr Mintoff became Prime Minister two months ago.

Details of the offer disclosed yesterday show it to be much less than the £50 million Mr Mintoff sought and there are many issues yet to be settled even if he swallows the financial proposals.

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CLIVE JENKINS FAILS TO STOP 'SIX' PAMPHLET

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

MR CLIVE JENKINS, the trade union leader, failed in High Court yesterday to prevent the Post Office continuing to distribute the Government's Common Market pamphlet "Britain and Europe."

Mr Justice Griffiths, vacation judge, said that Mr Jenkins, a leading anti-Marketeer and general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, had no legal standing to enable him to obtain an injunction. "He is in no different a position to any other member of the public."

"He can be neither more nor less affected by the distribution of the pamphlet than the rest of us."

The judge added that even if Mr Jenkins could have satisfied the court that he had the necessary legal standing he would still have refused the application.

Sufficient powers

He rejected Mr Jenkins' argument that the Central Office of Information, in printing and publishing more than 3,500,000 pamphlets, had exceeded its powers.

Mr Jenkins sought the distribution ban pending action he is bringing against the Attorney General and the Post Office for declarations that printing, publishing and distributing the pamphlet was unlawful.

Mr Justice Griffiths, giving a reserved judgment, said the Post Office was charging £20,000 for distributing the pamphlets—and hoped to make a profit.

It was a fair summary of the Government White Paper on the Common Market and contained a powerful argument for Britain's entry.

Mr Jenkins does not believe that it is in the interests of this country to join and he claims that the pamphlet is a

partisan piece of propaganda being distributed at public expense.

"I cannot accept Mr Jenkins' submission that the power of the Crown to issue information to the public is limited to information about Government action and excludes power to publish information about Government proposals."

Point for Parliament

Of Mr Jenkins' claim that the pamphlet was so partisan that its distribution at public expense was an abuse of Government powers, the Judge said:

"If he wishes to pursue that point he must do so through Parliamentary channels. He cannot do so through the courts."

The pamphlets had been available since July 12, and by July 30 three and a half million copies had been distributed. By that time most of those interested enough to read it would have done so.

After the hearing Mr Jenkins said that the union's executive council would consider whether to continue with the action.

The Labour party had sent back to the Central Office of Information the 5,000 copies of the pamphlet it had received. He understood the party was going to ask the Government to allow Labour's reply to the pamphlet to be distributed through post offices.

Editorial Comment—P10

Catholics fight lack of choice on schools

By DAVID FLETCHER Education Staff

A GROUP of Roman Catholic parents, angry because their children are being forced to attend a Roman Catholic secondary school, have formed an action committee to fight "educational segregation."

They have protested to Staffordshire County Council and to Mrs Thatcher, Secretary for Education, in the hope of having their children accepted at a non-denominational school.

The 14 children have been allocated places at Blessed William Howard RC School, Stafford, but their parents want them to go to Walton Comprehensive, also in Stafford.

Taxpayers' right

The children now attend St Anne's RC Primary School and will transfer to secondary school in September.

Dr G. R. Ogram, chairman of the action committee, said: "If a Catholic parent wishes his children to attend a non-Catholic school he is merely exercising the normal right of all taxpayers."

Mr T. David Nowell, action committee secretary, said: "We do not like being told, just because we are Catholics, that we must not send our children to the same school as our neighbours."

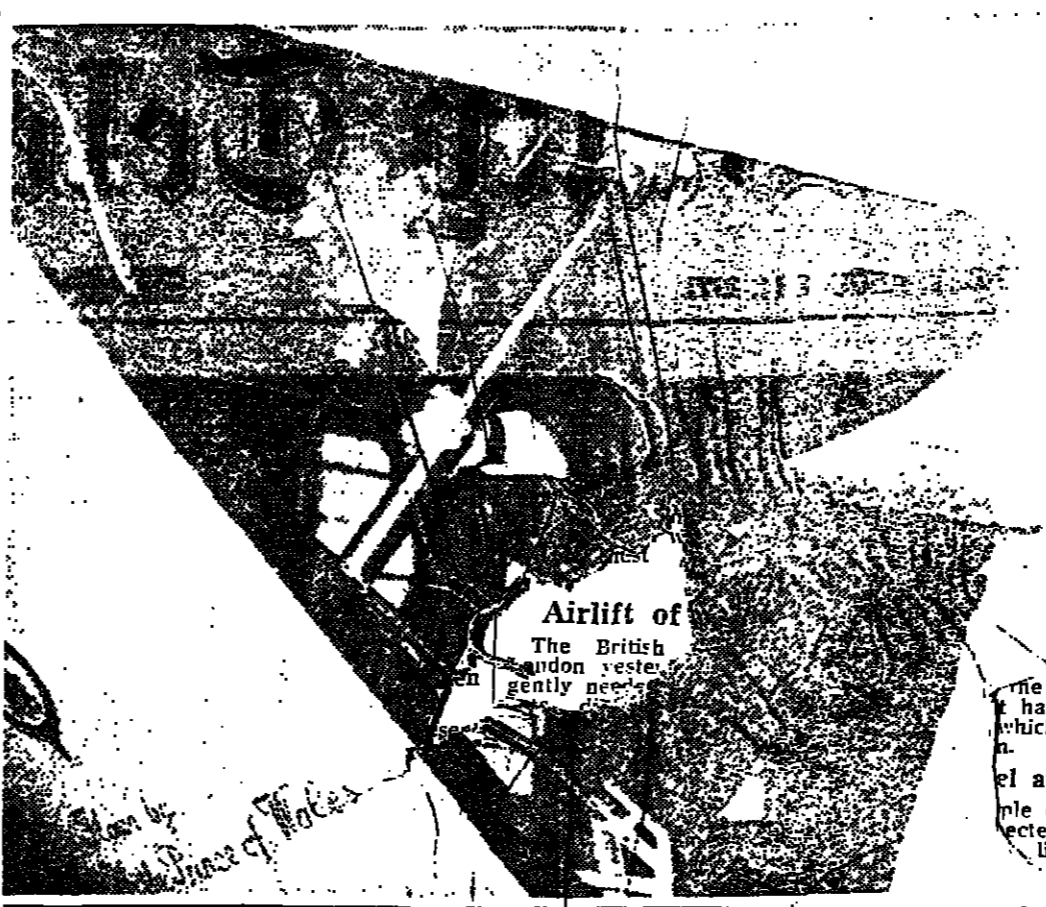
"I believe children are better prepared for life if they mix with children who hold different views. Segregation can lead to the sort of situation prevailing in Northern Ireland today."

Mr N. E. Browning, Staffordshire Chief Education Officer, has told the parents: "It does not seem unreasonable to expect children who have received primary education in a Roman Catholic school to transfer to the denominational secondary school which has been provided especially for them."

A spokesman for Mrs Thatcher said that the parents' complaint was being considered.

ROYAL PARACHUTE

The parachute used by the Prince of Wales for his jump over the Channel will be put on display at the RAF Museum, Hendon, due to open next year.



No holiday in 25 yrs for £8 pig

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

AN industrial tribunal has been told of a 55-year-old pigkeeper who worked a seven-day week for 25 years without a holiday and was paid £8 a week.

When his employer died he was dismissed with a week's notice.

Mr Roy Frost, a bachelor, lost his job at Four Ash farm, Walsingham-le-Willows, Suffolk, in January.

His case was taken by the Transport and General Workers' Union to an industrial tribunal at Bury St Edmunds this week.

Sir John Blagden, chairman, said the legal minimum wage for farm workers was £15-15 for a 42-hour week until last February.

Mr Frost was awarded £335 redundancy compensation, the maximum for a man of his age and service. A union representative had

told the tribunal that when the employer, Mr Lewis Warne, died his widow sold the pigs.

The widow wrote that Mr Frost was incapable of working unsupervised, never worked regular hours, and should be classed as a casual worker.

Yesterday Mr Frost was at work in the fields of another farm, earning £4-80 a week plus overtime.

He said: "At Four Ash farm I worked from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. I often asked for a rise, but I never got one. I wanted a holiday but I never got one. It was a lousy job."

"Once I was given £3 for a week's work but next week the boss asked for £1 back. I stuck it because I liked the pigs. I looked after about 100."

Much of his £3 went to his sister Vera, who looks after him and his four brothers. Mr Frost will not take a holiday out of his £335.

Lt-Gen. Günther Rall, Chief of the German Air Force Air Staff, inspecting a Vulcan bomber, which the Prince of Wales flew last month, at RAF Scampton, Lincs. The general ended a five-day visit yesterday.

ARCHITECT SCHOOLS TO FIGHT

By Our Education Staff

HEADS of five schools of architecture threatened with closure by the Royal Institute of British Architects because of alleged low standards are determined to clear their schools' reputations.

They are meeting next month to decide on a joint plan of action and are likely to appeal to architects for an independent judgment on their schools and the ability of former students.

Four of the schools are in polytechnics at Plymouth, Huddersfield, Liverpool and Waltham Forest. The fifth is part of Cheltenham College of Art and Design.

The heads issued a statement yesterday declaring the RIBA's action in making public its decision to issue an ultimatum to the schools without first letting the schools know.

The RIBA's statement, published in The Daily Telegraph on Aug. 5, gave the schools three years in which to raise their standards or face closure. Those of the 32 colleges recognised by the institute.

"Slur on our reputation"

Mr Raymond Hardy, head of Plymouth School of Architecture, said: "I took over this school in 1965 and I regard it as a personal challenge to overcome this slur on our reputation. This school has been congratulated on the high proportion of students who have passed their exams."

"If we are to be compared with the recognised schools I believe we should be put on the same footing during the three years which we have been allowed in which to prove ourselves."

The five schools all have "listed" status which means that their students' examinations are set and marked by outside examiners. The 32 "recognised" schools set and mark students' examinations themselves.

Mr Hardy added that the schools had "several shots in the locker" with which to defend themselves.

EL CORDOBES TALKS OF LOVE FOR TEENAGER

By Our Madrid Correspondent

Manuel "El Cordobes" Benitez, the millionaire Spanish matador, talking yesterday, for the first time about his love for a 15-year-old Dutch girl, said: "She charged straight into my heart like a good bull."

Describing Patricia Lieben, from Maastricht, his sweetheart, he said: "I want to be as close to her as I am when I am fighting a brave bull." El Cordobes, 34, was recovering from an attack of lumbago which put him out of action for the last few days.

Asked about marriage, El Cordobes said: "Whatever happens will happen in its own good time. We telephone each other daily. I don't know what is happening to me. But I think that it is different this time."

INQUIRY INTO DISMISSALS

Mr Carr, Secretary for Employment, is setting up an investigation committee into a dispute at Courtauld's textile factory at Spennyngton, Co. Durham, over the dismissal of 150 supervisors. They were made redundant after an official strike over a colleague's dismissal.

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, the men's union, has protested that the sackings were victimisation. The Department of Employment said yesterday that committee membership and arrangements for hearings would be announced later.

8-year tests show weedkiller fears are groundless

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

WIDESPREAD use of commercial weedkillers is not causing a harmful build-up of chemicals in the soil, an eight-year study by the Weed Research Organisation suggests.

The study is the most extensive made in this country into the long-term effect of herbicides on soil and plants.

John Fryer, director of the organisation, said yesterday that the results were reassuring.

He would not go so far as to say that the results refuted the claims of health shops that unsprayed food is better for you.

"But we do have some evidence that herbicide quality has not been adversely or significantly affected by the use of herbicides over a considerable period of years."

The Weed Research Organisation, a Government sponsored body, has its headquarters at Egham, Surrey, near Oxford. It chose the weedkillers MCPA, Diquat, Triallate and Simazine for its experiments. They are representative of all the main herbicide groups used by farmers.

Residue detected

Crops were treated annually with recommended doses of the herbicides each year from 1963 onwards. Laboratory analysis revealed detectable amounts of the following herbicides in the soil:

Over succeeding years these residue levels showed no increase. Even after eight years of regular spraying there was no detectable build-up.

Scientists made tests for evidence that successive applications were harming the microbes essential for soil fertility.

To find out whether the persistence of weed killer was affected by different soil types, the scientists made tests for herbicide residues at 26 different sites throughout the country.

They used Simazine, which besides being one of the most persistent soil applied herbicides is also one of the few weedkillers available to private gardeners.

Soil checks

Soil checks seven months later showed that only at two sites was there more than 10 per cent of the original herbicide remaining.

Tests were made to see if herbicides are affecting the quality and taste of crops. Tasting panels were used to judge the effects on currants and carrots but could not detect any difference in flavour.

HEALTH OFFICERS URGE FOOD CODE

A uniform coding system for perishable food, showing the date of manufacture or latest date when it would be fit to eat, has been recommended to the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries by the Association of Public Health Inspectors.

The codes must be understood by retailers so that they can rotate stock properly, the association says. The recommendation follows a review of its policy of opposing coding. It thought previously that it might lead to food wastage.

CONSTANTINE £3,555

Lord Constantine, the cricketer who became High Commissioner for Trinidad and the first Coloured man to hold the post, died yesterday. He was 63.

Other Wills—P8

HEART GIRL FOR U.S.

Marie Gallagher, seven, a hole-in-the-heart victim, of Rokeby Park, Hull, flies to the United States today for an operation. Local people have contributed £4,000 towards the cost of her trip.

SIX KILLED

Six men were killed in the two-mile fire on the Manchester Ship Canal in April, 1970, after 14,000 gallons of petrol had been spilled as a tanker was being loaded. Sections of the canal banks and two ferry landing stages made of timber were blown into the fire as the liquid floated down the canal, forming a vapour cloud above it.

The extent to which floating fire can spread was also stressed in a report of the overturning of a 5,600-gallon road tanker, in which the driver was burned to death at Whitminster, Glos, in 1963.

The blazing petrol filled the road, cable ducts, culverts and manholes. Underground fires led to several minor explosions, and the occupants of a nearby cottage had to be evacuated.

The report did not suggest how such tragedies could be prevented. An official said: "We just want to make people aware of the dangers and set them thinking about greater safety."

One technical officer said to me: "The biggest threat is on water. The best prevention, of course, is to avoid spillage of oil or petrol. That means being more careful."

(For Reservation, No. 91, Fire Protection, Queen Street, London, E.C.4, 799.)

FLOATING FIRE THREAT INCREASING

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER THE increasing danger of floating fires—flammable liquids like oil slicks burning on water—was emphasised by the Fire Protection Association yesterday.

As more and more inflammable liquids and chemicals were shipped and the size of individual vessels increased, the possibility of really large floating fires also grew, the association stated in its quarterly journal.

One of its main risks was accidental spillage during shore transfer operations.

"In congested marine areas a floating fire threatens not only the ship and the shore installation involved but also downstream shipping, river banks and jetties."

Calling for higher safety standards, the association gave reports on 14 fires involving storage plant, rail and road tankers, and ships. All involved inflammable liquids that were "afloat" on seas, rivers, canals, estuaries, and even on a wet road.

The association is an advisory organisation, largely financed by insurance companies and Lloyd's providing technical and general advice on all aspects of fire protection.

Collisions at sea

It said: "Floating fire can be hazardous and costly. Losses from storage tanks, collisions at sea, and road tanker crashes have all been the cause of floating fire in recent years."

"The sea, rivers and canals are most often affected, but a floating fire can also occur in sewers and drains, and on reservoirs and other stretches of water. A slick of inflammable liquid is easily set alight by even a small ignition source."

The association recalled how at South Stifford, Thurrock, Essex, in 1968 a house was severely damaged by an explosion caused by petrol which had leaked into the ground from a nearby pipeline two years before.

The petrol had soaked deep into the ground but rain had caused a layer of petrol to rise until it was just under the floor cavity. One person was injured by the explosion.

Tourists blamed for pilfering in stores

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

SUPERMARKETS, department stores and fashion boutiques in London are suffering from one of their worst summer shopping seasons for years with some managers blaming foreign tourists for increased losses.

Souvenir counters and fashion shops specialising in "buy-out" clothes are among the hardest hit. Several management have increased their year-end detentions.

Security staff at major stores are reluctant to comment in case it reflects back on the trade figures, but central London police are aware that shoplifting is reaching major proportions this summer.

"Shoplifting is definitely on the increase," said Mr A. Tedstone, manager of Group 4 Stores, Tottenham, London. "Supermarkets are usually the main targets and it is not necessarily the value of the items but such as tins of salmon, but the quantity."

"More aware"

"Retailers in general are becoming more aware of the problem and are taking more steps to stop it. As the amount of

shoplifting goes up so the detection of pilfering increases."

He did not think that the amount of petty theft attributed to the "tourist element" was very high, but boutique owners, especially in the King's Road, Chelsea, area, disagreed.

"It certainly is a record year this summer," said the manager of a shop selling "swinging London" clothes.

"Many of these foreign girls who are turning out of money at the end of their holiday try to take anything."

"They must have something London-style, and they think we will not prosecute because they can always claim they did not understand shopping rules."

The use of closed-circuit television scanners is standard practice in most large stores, and many London managers have this summer increased the number of prosecutions of shoplifters.

The Home Office last month set up a working party to look into the problem of shoplifting and thefts by staff employed by shops.

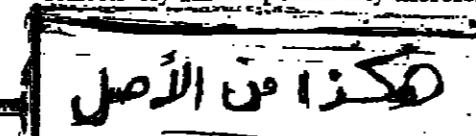
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GAMBLER CLERK MILKED £23,000 IN BANK CASH

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

A SENIOR bank clerk who milked £23,838 from customers' accounts to meet losses caused by his secret gambling mania, was jailed for four years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

His wife, family and colleagues know nothing of the hundreds of pounds a time CECIL BERNARD AYRES, 41, was betting on horse and dog races, or of the meetings of Gamblers Anonymous he attended.

ARSON 'NOT PROVED' IN DEATH FIRE

POLICE have been unable to prove that a fire at a Bayswater boarding house, in which an engaged couple died, was caused by arson.

Det. Chief Superintendent Robert Chalk told a Westminster inquest yesterday: "I treated this as a case of arson from the word go. But I have to concede I can't prove arson. We have seen 640 persons and taken 150 statements."

An open verdict was recorded on the couple who died in the fire at Inverness Terrace on June 29. Miss Jean Ayres, 26, a nurse at Kingston-upon-Thames Hospital, and her fiance Dr Sullian Manikavasagar, 58, from Ceylon.

Mr Nigel Fuller, a senior scientific officer at the Metropolitan Police forensic science laboratory, said the fire started in a lobby on the first floor. He had made tests to try to find any inflammable liquids but they had proved negative.

"In my opinion the fire originated from one source and either deliberately or through negligence a dropped cigarette could have caused the blaze. It was definitely not started by an electrical fault."

Previous fires

Mr SHAR KARIM, a civil servant, said he lived on the first floor of the house which was divided into 15 bed-sitters. There had been three or four previous fires. One had been in room 11, others in the hallway, and one, he believed, in a lavatory.

Mr HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, who lived on the ground floor, said in answer to the coroner, Mr GAVIN THURSTON, that there had been friction between himself and other tenants. There had been two fires in the hallway since he moved in in March.

Assistant Div. Fire Officer FRANK JAMES said that a protective fire door on the first floor appeared to have been wedged open. Questioned by the coroner he said that it was more than possible that the dead couple would have survived if it had been closed.

"There is suspicion" Prof. DONALD TEARE, pathologist, said Miss Allan died from shock and haemorrhage due to multiple injuries from falling from a fourth floor window. Mr Manikavasagar died from asphyxiation due to fire fumes.

The coroner said: "Although there is suspicion, especially in view of the previous fires, Mr Fuller is unable to say this fire was deliberately started. There is no evidence of this. It might have been, we can't go any further than this."

PROBATION FOR ARRESTED GROOM

A factory worker who was arrested immediately after he was married at Croydon Register Office on June 18, was put on probation for two years at South-East London sessions yesterday. Leonard Lee, 19, of Morland Road, Addiscombe, had pleaded guilty, with another youth, to a burglary involving property valued at £150. His wife, Mrs Bernadette Lee, 18, said she had been unable to work since the marriage because of her nerves.

ROYAL VISIT TO OUTER HEBRIDES

THE QUEEN accompanied by the Earl of Wessex, president of the National Trust for Scotland, when she, Prince Philip, and their family, visited the island of Kildrummy, during their stay they toured the remains of a village abandoned in 1940.

The Royal party are to visit Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at the Castle of Mey, Thurso, tomorrow for a family celebration of Princess Anne's 21st birthday.

They are expected to arrive in the Royal yacht Britannia in Aberdeen on Monday for their summer holiday at Balmoral.

Mr ROBERT PRENDERGAST, prosecuting, told the court that Ayres, of Walsley Crescent, Malden, Surrey, started betting in 1967 when he was a senior clerk at the Lpsom branch of the National Westminster Bank.

Over three years, during which he was promoted, he manipulated 55 accounts transferring a total of £148,000 from one to another and to his own account in fictitious names.

Ayres, who had been in fine for a management, pleaded guilty to six charges of obtaining money by forging cheques and asked for 167 similar cases to be taken into consideration.

Mr ROBERT PRENDERGAST, prosecuting, told the court that Ayres, of Walsley Crescent, Malden, Surrey, started betting in 1967 when he was a senior clerk at the Lpsom branch of the National Westminster Bank.

Mr Commissioner Rigg, O.C. told Ayres: "This story of gambling is sadly familiar although the magnitude is unusual. You used your position of trust and knowledge of the banking system to embark on a skillful fraud."

"This sort of behaviour cannot do anything but help to destroy public confidence in the banking system."

Train to Manchester The frauds were revealed when a woman discovered a deficiency in her deposit account. Ayres panicked and caught a train to Manchester, but returned a few days later and gave himself up.

He spent a week with two bank investigators "reconstructing" all the accounts and "unravelling the mess," said Mr Prendergast.

In a statement to detectives he said: "I found myself getting involved more deeply every week. All the money has been spent on gambling and I have nothing to show for it."

He said that the bank had repaid all the money. As a result of the frauds the bank had revised its system and made it impossible for anything similar to happen.

Ayres always hoped for a big win which would cover his losses and enable him to put back the money he took. His gambling had made his life "a living hell."

Two youths appeared at West London court yesterday following a drugs raid on the Greyhound public house, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, on Thursday night in which 59 young people were detained.

John William Morris, 18, a bronze cleaner, of Lutterworth Road, Fulham, was remanded in custody until next Wednesday. He was charged with using insulting words and behaviour and willfully obstructing W.P.C. Elizabeth Cade.

Anthony Newman, 20, a storeman, of Palace Court, Bayswater, was remanded on his own bail of £20 until Sept. 5, accused of being in unauthorised possession of cannabis resin.

The development, built with Investors Overseas Services money and run by an I.O.S. subsidiary, had received authorisation from the local planning authorities and the first blocks went up in 1964.

But, following a protest from local residents who said the buildings blocked their view of the sea, a local court ruled the authorisation had been wrongly granted and cancelled it.

The case has now reached the Supreme Court in Madrid.



Boys in Spanish hotel escape set for home

THE three English boys trapped for eight hours when part of a hotel at Benalmadena, Costa del Sol, collapsed earlier this week, are expected to fly home from Malaga tomorrow with their parents.

The Shaw brothers—Mark, 9, Bradley, 7, and Darrea, 4—of Winchmore Hill, Middlesex, have been recovering from minor bruises and scratches in a Malaga hospital.

Yesterday, an official inquiry into the collapse, which killed four and injured 11, was being carried out by Don Augustin Vinacher Soriano, an examining magistrate from Marbella nearby.

One theory under investigation is that the collapse may have been caused by miscalculation of the weight of the tennis court being built on the annex roof.

The findings of the inquiry, which is to last several weeks, will be handed to the police if any prosecution appears called for.

Architect helps Senior Lique, architect for the hotel works, is helping the inquiry. When a restaurant collapsed a few years ago in Segovia, killing a number of people, the architect was immediately imprisoned, but on that occasion authority had been obtained for the work.

Meanwhile, a few miles up the coast from Benalmadena, owners of holiday flats at the vast Playamar development, some of them British, are fighting a court decision that at least four of the 24 20-storey blocks must be torn down.

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£18,400 TAKEN IN SUB-POST OFFICE RAIDS

By Our Crime Correspondent Cash, postal orders and stamps together valued at £18,400, were stolen in three raids on London sub-post offices yesterday. The biggest haul was £15,000 in cash and stock from North Way, Hendon.

Two men followed Mr Albert Powell, the manager, into the shop soon after he opened at 6 a.m. They asked for cigarettes and when he turned to get them, one took out a pistol and threatened him.

Three men with wooden caskets threatened Mrs Lillian Phillips, 50, the sub-post mistress and her assistant at Church Road, Manor Park, and stole cash totalling £2,700. In Bilton Road, Alperion, the relief postmaster was threatened by four men who stole £700.

PINK CAR MAKES MAN SEE RED

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER A MOTORIST who repainted his car purple saw red when it changed colour to bright pink two days later.

The man complained to the paint manufacturers who insisted it was his fault, not that of the paint.

To prove their point they used the same paint to respray one wing of the man's car. But two days later that, too, turned pink.

The paint company then agreed to respray the car with a different paint at their own expense.

The incident is outlined in a report by Surrey County Council's Public Control Department of investigations under the Trades Description Act last year.

Technical problem "Since it seemed likely that the fault was a reaction between the new paint and that already on the car, a caution was issued and the company was left with the technical problem of preventing a recurrence," the report says.

Of the 616 investigations carried out last year—155 more than in 1969—the motor trade produced the highest proportion, it says.

Motorists' problems ranged from dissatisfaction after purchase of secondhand vehicles to claims of incorrect octane value delivered by petrol pumps.

The vast majority of cases resulted in advice to traders and frequently recompense to customers. Prosecutions were started in only three cases.

"The second year of operations has shown the Act to be working well and to have become one of the bastions of fair trading," the report concludes.

COURT BAN ON BALCONY MAN

A man who was pulled to safety from a fifth floor balcony by a Roman Catholic priest on Sunday, was ordered by a London Divorce Court judge yesterday not to visit his wife at the block of flats where it happened.

Judge Blomfield also ordered Mr Donald Patrick Campbell not to molest his wife, Emily, or their three children who live at Sickett Court, Islington. Mrs Campbell did not proceed with an application to commit her husband to prison for breaking an undertaking he gave to the court in June.

£2m FIRE CAUSE A discarded cigarette caused a £2,350,000 fire at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, on June 28, said a report yesterday by the county's chief fire officer. Firemen spent seven days fighting outbreaks which affected 23 premises.

Hippies were sent to terrorise us, claim tenants

TENANTS of a house in Maida Vale, London, locked themselves in their rooms when the house was "invaded" by hippies, it was alleged at Bloomsbury and Marylebone county court yesterday.

They said the hippies spat at them and kicked and banged on doors.

Six women tenants sought an imprisonment order against their landlord, Mrs SUSAN BAKER, 28, who they claim, had sent the hippies.

The hearing was adjourned until Sept. 22 after Mrs Baker, of Gloucester Terrace, Paddington, said she wanted a chance to prepare a defence and call witnesses.

Judge CURTIS RALEIGH told her: "If the tenants' claims are true you will go to prison."

Obscene slogans Six of the women tenants at the house in Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, sought the order on the grounds that Mrs Baker continued to exert pressure on them in defiance of a court order made on June 30.

In an affidavit, Miss Renie Jenkinson, 32, secretary, said that when Mrs Baker and her husband took over the house early in June they immediately tried to double the rent.

"Obscene slogans and drawings were made on the walls by workmen sent by Mr Baker," she said.

She said that after the court injunction and a rent tribunal hearing giving the tenants a stable rent, the harassment continued. "On July 2, the front door was nailed up and the water supply turned off and then on July 3 Mr Baker told us that we would have to go if we didn't pay the rent."

Later that evening the hippies broke in, Miss Jenkinson said. "They were banging and kicking on the door. We had to lock ourselves in. They spat at tenants and only desisted when police were called in by us."

"These hippies were deliberately introduced by the landlord. I felt too terrified to remain there."

Chased up stairs Another tenant, Miss Jmyr Bromley, 24, a diagram artist, said in a statement that "hippies invaded the place and I was chased up the stairs. This was the last straw in a series of related incidents."

Mr JOHN SAMUELS, counsel for eight tenants, told the court they were reluctant to go back to the house and had found other accommodation.

He said: "They fear having to pay the equivalent of these hippies. Wild horses would not drive them back."

ALARM FOILS RAIDERS

Thieves who raided the home of Lord and Lady Brabourne, of Ashford, Kent, early yesterday abandoned their haul outside the house when a burglar alarm sounded.

Lord and Lady Brabourne are in Ireland where Lord Brabourne, the film producer, is recovering from a heart operation.

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Exodus continues from violence in Ulster



20,000 CATHOLICS EXPECTED IN EVACUEE CAMPS

By WILLIAM GILLEN in Lifford, Eire border
TWENTY THOUSAND Roman Catholics will be living in the desolate camps of Eire this weekend if the exodus from Ulster continues at the present rate. Some 8,000 are believed to have crossed from the North between Thursday night and this morning.

GUNMAN SHOT DEAD BY PATROL

By JOHN EVANS
HUGH HERRON, 31, an unemployed sales representative, was shot dead by troops in Londonderry yesterday after he fired at an Army patrol.

Memorial service 'PUT FAMILY IN DANGER'

A BBC interview with a man Catholic soldier who said had friends and relations in Catholic quarters of Ulster endangering life, Mr Evelyn G. Conservative MP for Dorset, said yesterday. He said the interview was highly dangerous to the soldier's relations and friends.

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BOY, 12, REMANDED

A boy, aged 12, was remanded in custody at Camberwell juvenile court yesterday until next Friday accused of the murder of Mr Harry Lillywhite, 32. Mr Lillywhite was found dead in his home in Great Dover Street, Southwark.

DUSTBIN BABY

A new-born baby girl found abandoned in a dustbin at Leytonstone on Sunday was placed in the local authority's care at Stratford juvenile court yesterday. Efforts to trace the Coloured child's mother have proved unsuccessful.

The paths of events in Ulster reflected in the faces of Protestant children arriving in Liverpool yesterday with a party of 82 refugees in the car ferry, Ulster Queen.

Eire masters CHILDREN FLEE TO ENGLAND

By COLIN BRADY in Dublin
THE Eire Government believed yesterday it had mastered the crisis over accommodation for Ulster families seeking safety across the border.

The children are being given sanctuary in the homes of members of the Protestant Orange Institution in Liverpool.

The Deputy Grand Master of England, Mr Richard Roberts, said they could accommodate 350 people and, if necessary, could arrange for 1,000 or more.

Security measures were in force as the children, from the Spring Martin estate, Belfast, came ashore from the car ferry, Ulster Queen.

They were taken to the Protestant South Memorial Hall, in South Hill Street, Dingle, where volunteers had been in since and beans breakfasts.

The cost of the operation is about £1,000 which has been raised from Orange Lodges, local clubs and individual contributions.

Mr Roberts, who is Deputy Provincial Master of the Liverpool Orange Institution, said help had been previously offered to the people of Northern Ireland in 1968, but that had not been taken up.

Several people fleeing the Ulster troubles left the camp when they found there were no facilities, but yesterday a senior Army officer said: "We now have room to cater for about 3,000 refugees."

Accommodation in the camps is limited. There is little food available, the prevailing diet being bacon and eggs.

In fact Mr Lynch has been put in this position because both the Provisional and official wings of the IRA have united in seeing a splendid opportunity to cause him difficulties.

They apparently are as much opposed to him as to Mr Faulkner and they are co-operating in organising the groups sending thousands of people to the camps.

Evidence of this was shown on Thursday night when nearly 1,000 people on one train decided to return from Dublin.

But the organisers of the evacuee train met in Belfast and persuaded them to go South again.

Eire Government and army officials were boarding trains and buses carrying evacuees yesterday to assure them that they would receive adequate food and accommodation in the Republic.

They had just left hospital where Cpl David Fairhurst, 26, of the Royal Green Jackets, and Rifleman Tom Nixon, 21, of the same regiment, are to undergo further operations.

The soldiers were on duty at a mill in Albert Street, Belfast, when Cpl Fairhurst was told to fetch sandbags from a truck to block a window. As he walked out of the door a bullet struck him in the chest, went through his body and hit Rifleman Nixon in the arm.

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Swan Hunter shipyard ancillary workers leaving after a meeting at Wallsend yesterday when they voted overwhelmingly to end their strike which has paralysed five Tyneside yards for nearly a fortnight.

Industrial News

STRIKE AT SWAN HUNTER ENDS AS OFFER ACCEPTED

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

AN unofficial strike by 2,800 ancillary workers at the Tyneside shipyards of Swan Hunter ended yesterday when the men voted to accept the employers' pay offer. They had previously rejected a similar offer.

The two-week stoppage has made five yards idle and put 7,700 other men out of work. At a mass meeting by the strikers, who are members of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, only a handful opposed acceptance.

The strikers accepted a basic rate of £21.15 for men in the top grade after refusing this offer at the weekend.

REDUNDANT UCS MEN START TO GO

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

THE first three employees of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders to be made redundant under the Government's closure plants were paid off at Govan yesterday and left the yards for good.

Described as "fairly senior" — one of the workmen organised by the shop stewards, and have rejected an offer of "wages" in return for a refusal to accept dismissal.

A spokesman for the liquidator last night refused to name the three employees "to save them embarrassment."

With a further 200 to 400 redundancies expected next week, officials of the Department of Employment will on Monday meet directors of the Scott-Lithgow group, the "down-Clyde" private enterprise shipbuilders, to ascertain just how many vacancies for skilled men exist in their expanding yards.

VACANCIES "GUESSED"

Government "guesses" that there would be as many as 1,000 vacancies to help absorb displaced UCS men were discounted yesterday by a spokesman for the Department on Clyde.

That figure, he said, was an estimate of Scott-Lithgow's possible requirements in their five-year development plan, which started in 1970.

"The original figure envisaged was much more than 1,000 but because of the group's programme of retraining and upgrading their need of 'imported' men has been reduced."

Meanwhile, the Clydebank labour exchange, near the doomed former John Brown yard, yesterday had a vacancy card for an "unspecified" number of platers, shipwrights, welders, caulkers and other tradesmen.

MOVE BANNED

But there have been no takers since any attempt by UCS workmen to go "down the river" has been banned as part of the work-in tactics.

Port Glasgow and Greenock, home of the Scott-Lithgow group, while holding out the promise of a fresh start for dismissed UCS men, paradoxically has a general unemployment rate of 8.7 per cent.

'TYPING ERROR' MAN BAILED

A West Indian who faced three weeks at Risley remand centre because he failed to appear for a trial as a result of a typing error, was released yesterday. Mr Justice Griffiths, after a short private hearing, released Mr Ricardo Gaynor, 36, on bail of £30 in his own recognisance and a £100 surety.

Union rejects Rolls-Royce pay talks

By ALAN HUGHES Industrial Staff THE Engineering Union refused yesterday to discuss a major wage structure for 900 key workers at the Rolls-Royce Parkside Plant, Coventry, because of the continuing dispute over a 50-year-old pay agreement which shop stewards say is delaying work at the factory.

Mr Hugh Scanlon, militant left-wing president of the union, said: "We refused to argue the case. We are not prepared to discuss alternative structures."

About 10,000 skilled tool room workers in Coventry factories are operating an overtime ban in protest at the local engineering employers' decision to scrap the Coventry Tool Room Agreement signed as a wartime measure in 1941.

Stewards from Rolls-Royce's Coventry plant claim the ban is delaying assembly work on the company's jet engine for a new West German short-range airliner.

Feeling the pinch Car and machine tool plants are also feeling the pinch. A mass meeting of the tool room workers involved is to be held on Thursday to consider stepping up the protest action.

Demands are being made by militant left-wing stewards for a strike action which could badly disrupt a wide range of industries in the West Midlands.

Mr Andrew Cunningham, the union's regional secretary, said: "The only reason the strike was not recognised as official was that in fact our rule 27 wasn't carried out. An official strike was declared at a Press conference. We have made it quite clear that although we might be the tail of the dog we are not the tail. We have manifested our pride."

Sir John Hunter, chairman of the Swan Hunter group, commented: "We are very pleased that it is over. This decision is characteristic of their good sense. We are hoping for an all-out effort to retrieve the damage that the strike has done."

Swan Hunter's are building or fitting out ships valued between £30 million and £100 million on Tyneside.

CARRIER DEAL

Scott Lithgow order THE Scania Steam Navigation Company of India yesterday signed an agreement with Scott Lithgow, of Glasgow, for the construction of a £6 million, 75,000 ton dead weight bulk carrier.

Mrs Sumati Morarjee, executive director of Scania, signed the agreement here with Mr A. Ross Belch, managing director of Scott Lithgow, which has supplied 16 of the shipping firm's vessels since 1927.

POST OFFICE PAY

Officers get 9 per cent. AGREEMENT has been reached between the Post Office and the Society of Civil Servants, on a pay increase for the executive officer grade backdated to Jan. 1, 1971, the Post Office said yesterday. The settlement represents an overall increase of nine per cent.

The new pay scale runs from £365 at grade E40 for a 40-hour week, and skilled "B" grade men £36-60. Most day workers are in two lower grades where the rates stand at £34-40 and £30-80, respectively.

PAY DEAL ACCEPTED

Opposition by stewards A MEETING of almost 3,000 day workers at British Leyland's car assembly plants at Cowley yesterday accepted the company's new pay proposals by a clear majority. Union officials recommended that the offer should be accepted—but shop stewards opposed it.

The pay deal covers four grades. Top skilled workers will now receive £40-60 for a 40-hour week, and skilled "B" grade men £36-60. Most day workers are in two lower grades where the rates stand at £34-40 and £30-80, respectively.

POLICE SUSPENDED

A sergeant and three constables in Gwent Constabulary, Monmouthshire, have been suspended during an investigation being conducted by a team from the Manchester and Stafford police at the request of the Chief Constable of Gwent, Mr William Farley.

TUC CALLS FOR UNITY ON PAY

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER WORKERS in the public sector with similar interests should submit united wage claims, the TUC suggested yesterday in a discussion paper.

It said: "If a degree of co-ordination on wages could be achieved on a sector by sector basis, this process might gradually be extended upwards to cover larger parts of the public sector." It might eventually cover the whole sector.

The paper was discussed at a conference of 53 unions called to plan a campaign against Government "discrimination" in the public sector.

Mr Joe Gormley, president of the Mineworkers, told the meeting there would be a coal shortage this winter if there was no reasonable settlement of the union's demands.

His 297,000 members wanted rises of up to £9 a week which were increases of 33 per cent. to 47 per cent.; otherwise "The Government can expect a cold dark winter."

Synchronised demand

The conference, which represented 8 million workers in both public and private sectors, examined the possibility of synchronising the size and timing of demands in the public sector. But it took the view that widespread co-ordination on pay was out for the present.

Mr Gormley warned that support from other unions or the miners would be going full back to other unions in their demands. But to formulate any kind of common claim, this year, was not possible because individual claims were in the pipeline.

Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, pressed the 165 delegates to consider selective industrial action to back some form of common claim.

Cool reaction

But he eschewed the thought of all-out strike action. The reaction from other unions to even a moderately militant line was cool.

Mr Vic Feather, TUC general secretary, said after the conference: "We never thought it possible to consider a common claim on a common date or to collectively support particular claims."

But he stressed that there was a broad-based case for co-ordinating groups of claims within the public sector.

RISK TO BRS JOBS 'UTTER NONSENSE'

Reports that the jobs of 14,000 British Road Services employees were in danger because it had made a loss were strenuously denied by Mr Leonard S. Payne, managing director, yesterday.

Reports in London had suggested that the company faced a loss this year of £4 million and because of that jobs were in peril. Mr Payne said: "This is complete and utter nonsense."

He did not expect the 1971 figures to be any worse than last year, when BRS made a £1,400,000 profit. The National Freight Corporation, the overall administration for BRS, said they were considering issuing a message of assurance to all staff.

EUROPA II NEAR LAUNCHING IN FRENCH GUIANA

By Our Science Staff Preparations are well under way for the first launch of the Europa II rocket, by the European Space Launcher Development Organisation (E.S.L.D.O.) in Kourou, French Guiana, November. Transportation from Europe of the four stages and the fairings of the launcher has started.

The British first-stage and the French second-stage have already been shipped out. The Italian fairings are on their way. The German third-stage will leave Germany on Aug. 22 and the French fourth-stage will be shipped early in September.

The first trial of the Europa II launcher is to demonstrate the working of the new E.L.D.O. base at Kourou as well as the rocket itself. The base will be used next year for a second experimental launch.

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Daffodils to delight

A FRIEND telephoned to say that as she had seen the Paris autumn collections in the paper she knew that this must be the time to think seriously about bulbs, also she had had a small windfall and intended to put it all into daffodils for naturalising in the garden of her cottage.

"You can have a free hand for once," she said disarmingly when I arrived. Knowing that I had some doubts about how far this freedom would go, but decided to make the best of a first innings, and began: "It is the pale yellow and white ones which seem to me to have the real spirit of spring, perhaps because our native wild daffodils—the Lent Lilies—which grow by the thousands in water meadows, are of this colour. But these would be too wild and rather unconvincing in your small garden so I suggest that you should have Polindra; the petals, that is the outer ring of petals, is pure white, and while far from floppy is not as stiff as cardboard; the crown is clear yellow. It has strong stems for cutting but is not at all rigid and dances gaily in the breeze, being quite tall at a group is seen well at a distance; the price is about £6-25 a 100."

By contrast, on this bank of rough grass at the side of the main lawn and nearer to your house, you need have smaller ones. Dove Wings, for instance, is a cyclamineus hybrid only 10in high with a yellow cup much smaller in proportion than Polindra's crown, and the white perianth is ravishingly white, looking like a frightened fly with its ears back. This is the best you can get to trim the side of the drift according to Ernie's largest. Now for a few special ones for picking.

"Wait," she said, giving me one of her steady smiles, "should be better with your garden. What's King Alfred?" I explained that King Alfred was a bad naturaliser and anyway I did not much like its hot yellow colour. "But I do," she said. "Carlton is quite good, fairly tall—17in—clear full yellow with a trumpet crown, cheap too at about £1 a 100. There is a newer one, Kingscourt, less tall—16in—trumpet, a well-balanced flower—quite a little gentleman in fact, but more expensive at £1-55 a dozen or £9-50 a 100. For a small yellow, there is Charity May, another bright yellow hybrid, 9in high and with the same enchanting ears-back



Ideal for planting in "drifts" of narcissus cyclamineus Jenny.

perianth, £1-10 a dozen." "Then I want something fiery to crackle in the sunshine at the bottom of the garden on cold days," said Maud. "Carbineer is the one for that," I said, "with a rich yellow perianth and brilliant orange cup about 18in high and good value at £4 100. Now, Matapan..."

"Not yet," she said, "I want some entirely white ones; these ought to be more in your line, more white of egg so to speak." "Beersheba, but you should put her against a dark background—that Portugal Laurel hedge for instance. She is all white with a real trumpet, but not at all formal, still like some of the newer white ones. In fact rather downward looking with an air of humility—14in—£6-50 a 100. You could also have a few Jenny on this bank near the house: she is the third of three laughing cyclamineus hybrid sisters. She has a pure white perianth and a little trumpet which soon turns to white, although it does begin by being pale primrose, £1-90 a dozen."

When she asked how to plant them, I said: "You must plant them in groups or drifts of one kind only in each drift—different sorts jumbled together look ugly and awful. You mark out the drifts roughly with canes, make mainly longish groups and one or two puddle-shaped ones like Australia, but not too many of these. You calculate at the rate of about 36 per square yard, that is 9in apart on average, but one hopes that few will turn out to be exactly 9in from the next one."

"You take the bulbs out of the bag and roll them out gently, so that they lie haphazardly, and making a few obvious corrections, you plant them where they lie, faithfully and laboriously with a bulb planter, with 4in of soil above their noses. You will find there will be some little colonies about—3in apart, others more widely spaced. "The great thing is that they must 'cobere' within the limits of the drifts, which must be seen for what they are and well separated by large areas of grass. You don't want to pepper the whole place with daffodils. As to the time, early September or sooner if you can get them. Too many people wait up at the end of September and expect to get their daffodil bulbs in time for planting the same autumn. "It is true that they can still get old backs, or mixed ones by the hundredweight, but many of the more interesting ones will have been planted back by serious growers and, anyway, the best time to plant them is in the first fortnight of September so that they can properly establish themselves as permanent residents."

"Thank you," said Maud. "It is time for lunch, but it won't be your buttered-eggs. As we went in I resolved to go on to tea with Ruth and tell her about Greeting, Passionale, Matapan, and the rest."

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GETTING AWAY FOR A DAY (OR TWO): SECOND IN A SERIES

Sampling the stately homes, and a new hotel

BY ELISABETH DE STROUMILLO

IT'S a good idea, I think, to have an objective for a family outing, whether or not it becomes modified, or even discarded, along the way.

Just to suggest getting away for a couple of days evokes no enthusiasm whatever—from my own children, at any rate. They are far too absorbed with the children up the road, in mysterious projects and curious-sounding "club" activities that apparently have to be conducted secretly in hermetically-sealed rooms.

But if I mention visiting a couple of stately homes (they're all mad for stately homes) or, better still, spending a night in an hotel, they're all for it.

This time, we combined the two. A new Post House had just opened at Coate near Swindon, which sounded promising: there is plenty of splendid country and a good smattering of stately homes throughout. And as we have already stayed in four of the 17 Post Houses so far opened, we are now confirmed habitués.

Amenities are fairly standard throughout this chain, and suit casual travellers very well: bedrooms with tea- and coffee-making facilities; drip-dry racks in the bathrooms; shoe-cleaning vending machines in the corridors; quick, pleasant butchery and restaurant service. And with their big, four-bedded "family rooms"—small hitherto can be squeezed in—that cost around £8 (little more than a room for two) they are not too extravagant a proposition for a night or two.

What with the pon-



The new Post House at Coate, near Swindon

hiding places and sudden rococo sculptures to discover in the shrubberies, a maze of walled gardens to explore, and mazy puppies popping up at odd intervals to be patted.

But we managed a visit during the morning to Lydiard Mansion, just west of Swindon, whose prime virtues are a comparatively simple mid-Georgian interior and a really lovely exterior and grounds. The house, serene and recumbent, sits among sweeping lawns broken by massive trees that have stood there many generations longer than it has, and exude an overpowering sense of calm and continuity.

In the adjoining church are some wonderful funerary monuments and a fascinating family tree of the St John and Boleyns families, whose home this was for 1,000 years.

Had time—and the Post House swimming pool—permitted, there were numerous other places we could have seen nearby: around Avebury and Hungerford to the south; in the Cotswolds to the north and west.

As it was, we returned through the Vale of the White Horse, pausing to trace its curly contours and have a look at the ancient Ridgeway; and got home feeling, as one six-year-old put it, that we'd had a nice sort of surprise holiday.

TRAVEL

deously protracted M-4 widening and lengthening, it took us the best part of two hours to reach Wantage, where we stopped for a picnic lunch to eat on the Downs; and we arrived at Pusey House Gardens as the gates were being unlatched. (We had, incidentally, timed the outing to coincide with one of their opening times; this sort of advance homework is very necessary because stately-home viewing hours are by no means easy to co-ordinate.)

Despite the drought, the gardens looked marvellous; borders as delicately radiant as Beatrix Potter water-colours, and the whole ensemble of lake and trees and lawns and shrubs a masterpiece of harmony. There are a joy for children, too, with little bridges to cross, and

AFTER COLUMBUS, BY CARAVAN

By John A. Cade

THERE is now a scheme afoot to attract greater numbers of not-so-rich Britons to the United States and give them greater freedom of movement there than ever before.

Accommodation is in fully-equipped motor caravans, which also provide transportation. BOAC (who also offer a similar plan for South Africa) has started their Land-cruiser programme for people using their scheduled flights to Canada and to Miami. Cost of a three-week holiday would be the economy air fare of £244.20 per person plus the cost of the caravan (it sleeps four) at £65.

A more flexible scheme is being offered by International Camper Rentals Inc., using a Volkswagen Camperobile which can be hired in one city and left in another.

ICR offer a choice of Miami, Denver, Los Angeles, New York or San Francisco; campers fly with any airline.

Both Miami and Los Angeles offer warm-weather camping outside the busy summer season, and since some of the Southern states can be too hot for comfort in June, July and August, a spring, autumn (or even winter) tour is more sensible.

To have a holiday without becoming a glorified truck-driver, it is best to limit a few weeks' tour to a few states, adding more for an extended tour.

Recently, I tried out this new-style holiday, concentrating on California and Arizona. After flying out by TWA I found the Volkswagen motor caravan waiting at Los Angeles airport. A representative, after explaining how everything worked, gave me a detailed guide to American camping grounds.

All main roads have good surfaces and are adequately signposted. In under two

weeks I was able to take in, at leisure, the best of California and Arizona and include a couple of non-driving days.

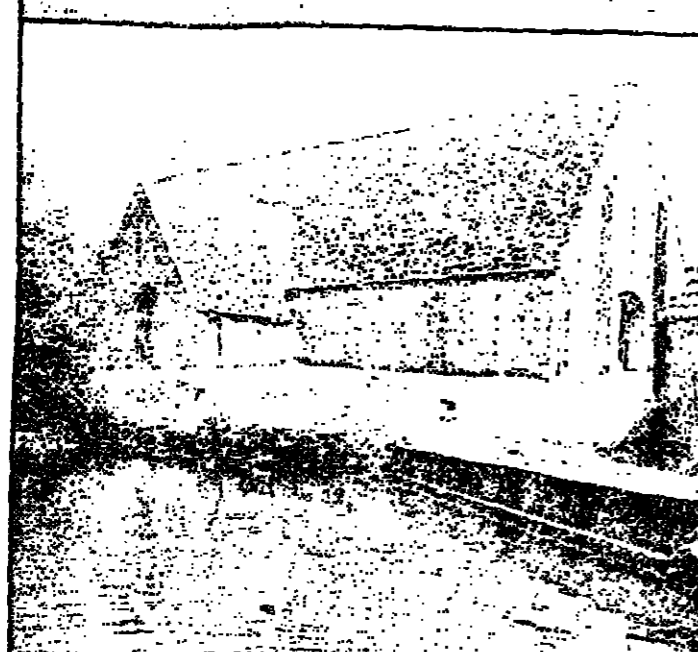
I found the camping grounds excellent, with modern facilities such as flush lavatories, showers, shops, tap-off points for electricity and water.

The Forest Service, I discovered, also run many less-luxurious sites in picturesque settings.

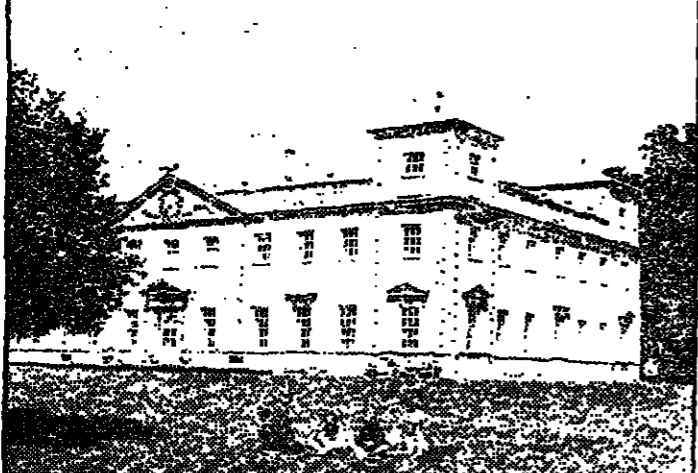
My round tour took me to Palm Springs, Yucca Valley, the Joshua Tree National Monument, then down to Blythe on the Colorado River.

From Blythe, I crossed the Arizona desert country and then headed up into the mountains, with their dramatic changes in scenery and climate.

The joy of having your own vehicle, of course, is the sheer flexibility. You eat out or use the vehicle's cooking facilities. Petrol is considerably cheaper than in Britain.



Top: Buscot Park. Above: the stately barn at Great Coxwell. Below: Lydiard Mansion. Pictures by NORMAN DERRICK.



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By LOIS CALVERT

ONCE again this summer London is crowded with young student travellers with packs on their backs, little money to spend on bed and board, and a not unreasonable determination to see and do as much as possible on a shoestring.

And, once again, there is the outcry that London does not do enough for its young, hard-up visitors, that they are forced to sleep in the parks because there is not enough cheap accommodation, and that other great cities provide better facilities for them than we do.

I made some inquiries this week into the situation. In London there is a well-run central information and accommodation bureau which deals with up to 350 students per day and has not yet had to turn anyone away—not even those who arrive late in the evening.

London is short of cheap student accommodation, but talking to some of these young visitors, especially those who haunt Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus, it was clear that many of them arrive in London intending to sleep in the parks, and have no intention of looking for, or paying, even 35p for a bed (50p is considered by many the top price they could afford), unless moved on by the police or inconvenienced by the weather.

The London Tourist Board operates a Student Accommodation Bureau near Victoria Station. Directions to it are given at the accommodation office in the station's main concourse. It is open every day from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and will find accommodation for from

WHY LONDON'S YOUNG VISITORS ARE SLEEPING IN THE PARK...

55 a night in a variety of centres close to the heart of the city. A charge of 5p is made for each confirmed booking and visitors are sent off with a map and directions.

It is efficient and friendly, and no one, in the two hours I spent there, had to wait long before being found a bed.

Nearly all the accommodation on the books is run privately—in small hotels, hostels and private households—and in the peak summer weeks demand is heavy.

The London Tourist Board points out that it is not a commercial property company and lacks the funds to build hostels.

It provides a service

which will direct inquirers to what there is available.

It claims that by advertising this service at Dover and other points of entry to the country, in the main stations, and by giving the police and park-keepers the address, it is doing all it possibly can to make it known.

The Board says it would like to have more dormitory accommodation available, like that run by the Holiday Fellowship at Starcross School, Risinghill Road, London, N.1.

The classrooms here have bunk beds, there is a canteen for light snacks in the school kitchen, washrooms, toilets and showers, and the charge is 35p per night. Its one disadvantage is that it is closed between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Two other schools are run by the Youth Hostels Association to supplement their four permanent London hostels, but here membership of the association is necessary.

The Inner London Education Authority say that while they have no objec-

tion in principle to the use of schools in this way, there are other demands on the buildings.

At many, play centres are operated, and repair and maintenance work has to be carried out while the children are on holiday.

Other organisations need the sites, and the number suitable for conversion to hostels is further depleted by the need for hostels to be near public transport routes.

Other hostels have been developed out of old warehouses, such as St Christopher's in Clerkenwell, where, for 80p per night, you can get a bed, shower, breakfast and a common room. It is open all day, and I heard no complaints from the people I spoke to there.

There are obviously blots—the recently-opened camp at Wormwood Scrubs was as depressing a sight as I've ever seen.

For 55p you get a bunk in an unlit, unsegregated tent; there is no floor covering, and after the rain the night before I

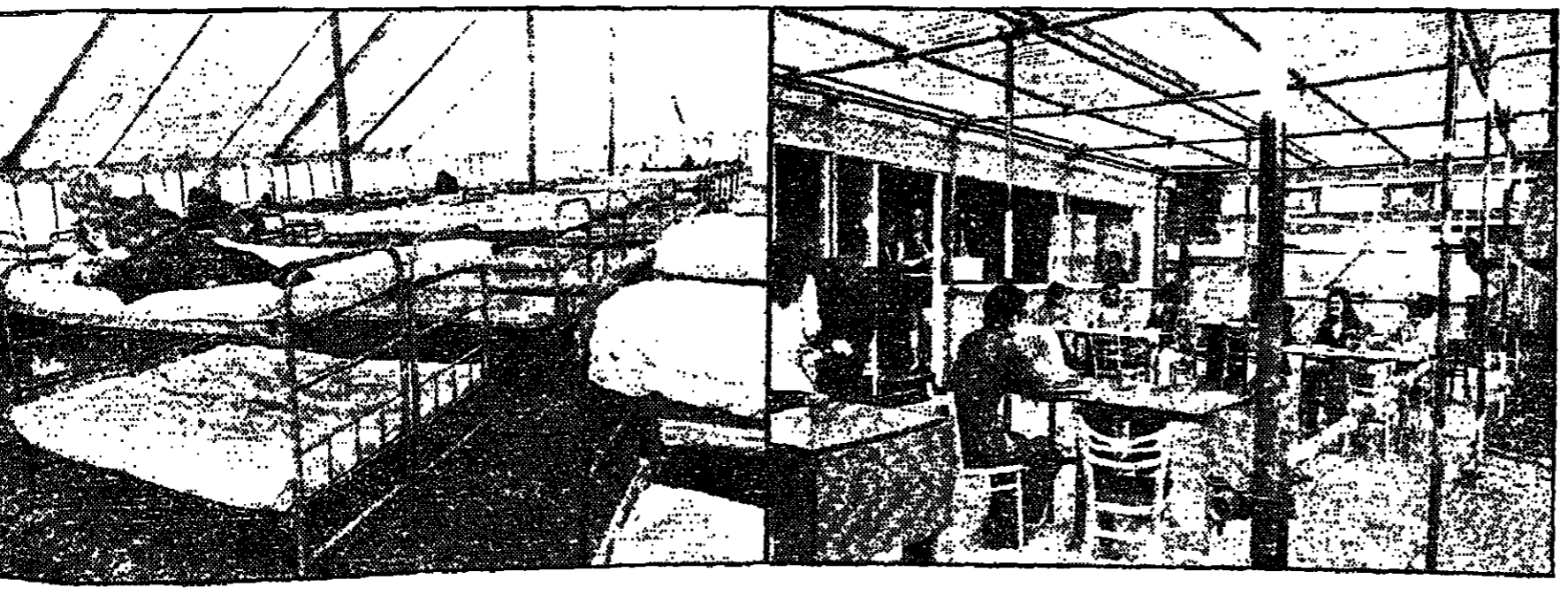
went, some beds were standing in water.

Most of the people there had heard about it on the grapevine at Trafalgar Square, but the Christian Action workers who run it told me that if it is not full they go to town to collect people.

I asked why they did not direct the travellers to the Student Accommodation Bureau, where they might get a chance of a dry bed closer to town, and was told by one helper that they had to get people there to pay for the tents.

Obviously there is a need for more cheap accommodation if we want to keep young travellers coming to London, but assuming that it is reasonable to expect that such facilities should be available at under 50p per night, in a city where the accommodation costs are so high to the residents, whose responsibility is it to provide it?

There is a shortage, but my conclusion was that any traveller with the initiative to ask would not find himself without help in finding cheap accommodation.



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Mr LYNCH'S DEMAND

MR LYNCH, Prime Minister of Southern Ireland, has called for the abolition of Ulster's Government by peaceful means, and for its replacement by an administration representing equally both Protestants and Roman Catholics in the North.

We are, therefore, entitled to examine Mr LYNCH'S utterance as though it was his own honest opinion, not extorted under duress; and in this light, it does surely show up rather badly.

SHEIKH MUJIB: A DISGRACE

IS SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN dead? The former leader of the now outlawed Awami League in East Pakistan was arrested by the West Pakistan Army in March.

NO GAG ON THE GOVERNMENT

MR HEATH'S Government cannot win in its determination to take this country into the Common Market. On the one hand it is criticised for not telling the public enough about what is involved in the great adventure.

It is satisfactory that three-and-a-half million copies of the ostensibly offending Post Office pamphlet have already been distributed. It is, of course, a dry summary of the basic issues involved in this country merging its destiny with Europe.

Supernatural

By Dr W. R. MATTHEWS

IN his new book, "Christianity: an Historical Religion," Bishop Wad remarks that neither he nor one accepts the concept of the supernatural.

THE BELIEF OF MOST CHRISTIANS, and I think of most Theists, is that "nature" is the name for the system of things and events which is studied by science and by understanding which human knowledge, power and civilisation have been steadily advanced.

Economic tangle in the air

W. E. LACHS on the cut-price fares challenge to the airlines.

NOTHING could better illustrate the tangle into which the air transport-cum-holidays industry has got itself than the situation which will arise on the London-Athens route next winter.

Why are the American authorities turning a blind eye to these charter poachings? It seems they regard transatlantic air fares as being too high by comparison with flight over similar distances inside the United States.

At first sight, in view of the relatively small numbers involved, it does not look as if these cut-price arrangements will bring about any significant diversion of traffic away from timetable flights of orthodox airlines.

Paradoxically, those who must bear the major share of the blame, namely the big boys such as Pan American and B.O.A.C. who were responsible for introducing the Jumbo-jets ahead of their time, are the least reasonable of the lot.

Soon the regular British airlines would be feeling the pinch. Before long you and I would be asked to foot the bill and cover their deficit through the Exchequer.

Looked on in this light, the Lockheed-Rolls-Royce climb-hanger drama assumes an altogether different complexion. For what seems to be happening again, as it did with the premature birth of the Boeing-747 Jumbo-jet, is that a new generation of aeroplanes, which in essence differs very little from those already in production, is in an advanced stage of development and looking for airlines to buy it.

The truth is that holiday and commuter traffic form part and parcel of a fairly complicated and inter-related general transport and communications pattern.

What we are witnessing here, and it is as well for us to be clear about this in our own minds, is a gigantic effort involving Governments and some of America's leading banks to finance a venture, not because of a pressing demand for the end-product, but for a variety of other reasons.

There is also a body of opinion which holds that cheaper travel is theirs by right. For them the air transport world is divided between goodies, the charter lines who have their hands tied behind their backs by all sorts of fenshish restrictions designed to protect the baddies, the regular-flight airlines who are depicted as an international cartel of ogres, sworn to fleece the public while lining their own pockets.

Behind, or perhaps above, it all there looms the enigma of Concorde, the—as yet untried—thoroughbred racehorse of the civil aviation world. Here at least, there is no pretence to claim for it either necessity or even competitive viability in terms of today's standards of airline operating economics.

Between North America and Europe the restraints which previously held the charter air lines in check are under heavy pressure. For some time now, virtually any American has been able to book himself on a charter flight to Europe. Last year 20 per cent. of all transatlantic passengers travelled this way, if not with the blessing, then certainly without much let or hindrance on the part of the American Civil Aviation authorities.

These may be reasons to command our sympathy and support, but they will not contribute to the economic wellbeing of the airlines in the seventies. Meanwhile there is already talk of a Super Boeing-747, envisaged for round about 1980, with 1,000 seats, no less! One may be forgiven for wondering whether this will not lead the industry along the path of the dinosaur—to the same fate which has befallen the great ocean-liners of latter day.

Government blows to Cammell Laird

THIS week's axing by the Government of two top directors of Cammell Laird has inevitably been seen by some to reflect adversely on the quality of management.

The two men are Norman Cave, chief executive, and W. Biadoux, financial director.

But the boot may be on the other foot in some respects in this case. The company, half nationalised last year, has suffered particularly from past Government decisions.

In 1969, the Labour Government decided to place orders for submarines exclusively with Vickers's yard at Barrow despite the fact that Cammell Laird had made the nuclear-powered submarines Renown and Conqueror and had built up a team of experts in submarine building.

In addition the company has been badly affected by Government embargoes on warships from foreign countries, such as Portugal and South Africa. There are at least three good customers that Cammell Laird has lost in this way.

Royal addition

BY a happy coincidence, the guided missile destroyer H.M.S. Norfolk, which Prince Charles is to command, a trainee sub-lieutenant in November, is indebted to his great-great-grandfather for her crest.

A silver ostrich feather with a gold quill ensigned by a gold prince's crown, the two piercing a scroll bearing the motto In Diebus, the crest derives from the county badge. The Prince of Wales feather and motto were added in a previous Norfolk's incident in 1704 at the request of King Edward VII.

Urdu first and last

JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, Tory MP for Clivdon, tells me he has agreed to address the Pakistan Solidarity Front in the West and East Pakistanis from all over Britain.

As a child, I was once served on both sides of the Indian. At Independence he was Deputy Commissioner and Political Agent, Dera Ghazi Khan,

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and Commandant of the Border Militia. He describes himself as "unequal to the 'interpretship' of Enoch Powell"—who can speak French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Welsh, Russian, Latin, classical Greek and Urdu well enough to have broadcast in it. So Mr Biggs-Davison will only open and close his speech in Urdu.

Cricket sell-out

KENT and Lancashire, finalists in the Gillette Cup at Lord's on Sept. 4, have experienced something like Cup fever among their members who want tickets for the match. Each county was allocated 5,000 tickets at £1-50 and £1.

7,000 members, say they are over-booked. They are now arranging special trains.

Lord's tell me that, excluding M.C.C. members, there is space for 21,000 spectators at a ticket-only match. So the two counties have between them got half the ground—though they want a lot more.

Back to the original

THE chapel of the Gelfrye Museum of historic furniture in Shoreditch, built in 1715 as almshouses and used as such until the turn of the century, is being restored.

The building takes its name from Sir Robert Gelfrye, a Lord Mayor and member of the Ironmongers' Company, who left funds for the building of the almshouses for elderly members of the company.

Last of the line

OVER £1,100 has already been promised towards a £12,000 fund to restore the Willon Windmill near Rurhams in Kent. Though the restoration appeal will not be launched until the autumn, the mill, which was built in 1821, had stopped working by 1950. It is owned by the council.

A photograph of it, which I reproduce, is on the cover of a book, "Industrial Archaeology in Wiltshire," which was published yesterday by the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society and the Wiltshire County Council. Its editor, Kenneth

Without pay

ALTHOUGH some Maltese politicians feel that Don Mintoff will have to call a further general election on the island soon to try to increase his one-seat majority, he may find it difficult to do so.

It is not very popular with the electoral officials. A letter in the Times of Malta this week points out that the assistant electoral commissioners still have not been paid for their work in the general election two months ago.

Picturesque inventor

DRAWINGS and 16th-century manuscripts lent by the Bodleian Library, Oxford, will be displayed at an exhibition opening on Aug. 22 at Nuneham, Oxfordshire, which is owned by the university and is the home of the Culham College of Education. They are the work of William Gilpin, the artist, who died in 1804.

He invented the term "picturesque" as applied to paintings. He was also largely responsible for turning the taste of wealthy landowners away from ordering rectilinear landscape parks as status symbols to picturesque scenes instead.

Honest admission

NOTICE in an employment office: "Staff holidays temporary office: 'Staff holidays. Temporarily closed for two weeks."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR GOOD AND BAD IN BRITISH RAIL

From Prof. P. A. BROMHEAD to SIR—Mr John Laffin's criticism of British Rail in The Daily Telegraph Magazine does a useful service. As the current expensive advertising campaign suggests, railways are the best transport investment we have.

But what will be the effect of the advertisement on a man who has just had to queue for 10 minutes to buy a suburban ticket at Victoria, in a quiet midday period, because only two of the six windows are manned?

If the railways must sell their tickets this way, failure to employ enough staff on the job, at all their stations, is just not good enough. They need to remedy such errors, and quickly, or their advertising will be wasted, and that will be a tragedy.

It is right to attack the lack of litter receptacles, squalid station catering, and so on; remedial local measures are at hand without significant expense.

Enemy number one is unpunctual running. The key question is, how much do railwaysmen on the job really care? More incentives, but the trainees are a good idea. Some systematic press publicity for failures and achievements might help a little.

I rather doubt whether Mr Laffin is right to go on so much about British Rail's relative failure to cosset the prestige market in catering, travel, and so on. In some very empty Trans-Europe Expresses (T.Es).

Gourmet meals, plushy hair-dressing salons, secretaries and telephones, in a few super-trains, are justifiable only if they pay for themselves, or if worthwhile business is lost through their absence.

In spite of Mr Laffin's disgruntled Swiss friend, I for one have found the heating wrong more often in French, Swiss and Italian trains than in British. Except when spoiled by slackness, British train catering fulfils the obvious demands better than most others, price for price.

Your picture knocking British sleeping-cars is quite unfair, its caption misleading. At second-class fare plus £2 British Rail provides a bed in a two-bed compartment, with toilet facilities.

On the Continent you pay almost twice as much for the same thing: first-class fare plus, in most cases, £5 to £8 according to distance. Single-berth costs much more too.

A full array of high-speed trains, mainly on existing tracks, could be the main answer to Britain's and Europe's transport needs in the 1980s, and beyond. Tunnel looks a better option than Foulness airport.

PETER BROMHEAD Dept. of Politics, University of Bristol.

Continental hardships

SIR—You have just published, in The Daily Telegraph Magazine, an article perpetrating the myth that Continental railways are better than British ones.

It is, of course, easy to reach this conclusion when comparing a British Railways Sunday journey, beset with engineering work delays, with, say, the first-class-only "Mistral". One could equally compare the latest British second-class coaches—which are very good—with the older type of French rolling stock with its hard wooden seating and its cramped compartments.

For speed combined with frequency of service no European railways approach our own: on the East Coast route to Scotland and on the electrified line from Euston to the North-West we have some of the longest stretches of sustained 100 mph running of any country in the Western world.

Bearing in mind the pathetic amount of money which is now being poured into railway modernisation in this country—it took five years for the last Government to decide to authorise extension of the highly successful London Midland Region electrification from Crewe on to Glasgow—it is surprising that our railways are as good as they are.

K. S. FARR Didcot, Berks.

Drugs and slavery in Afghanistan

SIR—Thank you for the publicity given in your newspaper to Mr Peter Willey's report "Drugs and Slavery" (Aug. 5).

Unfortunately almost the entire national and provincial Press and radio has misunderstood the main point of the report, described on pages 7 to 13. This is that the opium and hashish grown in Badakhshan, the north-easterly province of Afghanistan, is grown by peasants existing at subsistence level, terrorised by the private armies of their wealthy landlords, some of whom spend half the year living it up in the capitals of Europe.

Disobedience, or failure to produce the prescribed quota, may be punished summarily by flogging, branding, mutilation, forfeiture of a child and ultimately by banishment and consequent starvation.

The Anti-Slavery Society does not, as has been suggested, regard bidders as slaves. Landlords as they are, they should get hooked on hash and prostitute their girls in Asia, they do this of their own free will. They should reflect that they are helping to create a demand which is being met by innocent women and children in real slavery.

It is the experience of my society over 140 years that Governments respond more favourably in world opinion than to discreet diplomacy. The society is served by unpaid researchers who risk their lives as Peter Willey did but it depends for results on the Press. PATRICK MONTGOMERY Sec. Anti-Slavery Soc. London, S.W.1.

Problems of shorthand in court

SIR—Peterborough describes (Aug. 11) the difference in the length of time taken to produce transcripts of the O. trial and of Select Committees under the Speaker as a curious anomaly. The fundamental difference is that transcripts are required by all Select Committees, the shorthand writers know in advance that this is so, and they are able to make arrangements accordingly.

For the shorthand writers at the Old Bailey there is no such certainty; first there has to be a conviction and then an appeal before a transcript is ordered. There is, therefore, a fluctuating demand for transcripts. In the last few years the number of courts at the Old Bailey has increased by over 50 per cent.

In the case of a long trial such as the 35-day Oz case, as many shorthand writers as possible are employed so that transcripts, if required, may be expedited, but there are frequently several long cases being heard at the same time and a great number of transcripts to prepare for appeal purposes, all of which call for the most careful integration.

In many cases, if given reasonable notice, transcripts of proceedings, including those at the Old Bailey, are prepared by shorthand writers and delivered to counsel on the evening of the same day.

No shorthand writer is happy with the present position, which underlines the necessity for recruitment. Every effort in this direction has been made by my Institute and the shorthand-writing firms; but in the case of the Old Bailey and several other busy court centres, so far the increased number of shorthand writers has been equalled by the increase in court sittings.

The use so far made of tape recording in courts indicates that recordings are sometimes far from good and that transcription is laborious and time-consuming, that a transcriber of equal experience and ability to that of a court shorthand writer is required, and that it is extremely difficult to recruit people for this work.

R. A. CHARTRES Liaison Officer, Institute of Shorthand Writers, Lincoln's Inn.

In memory of the Few

SIR—Who today, if aged under 45, remembers 1940 and the Battle of Britain? Precious few, although many remember Hungary in 1956 and 1968 and Czechoslovakia in 1970. The vast Royal Air Force Freedom of the Air medals which have been awarded those countries could have been Britain's terrible lot, too, if 1940 had been lost instead of won.

We of the war-time generation know why it was won, and by whom. This month we celebrate the anniversary of the triumph of the Few. In a way the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund celebrates the victory daily, for throughout the year the Fund is spending £2 each minute of the day and night on relief of distress among serving and ex-service personnel, their widows, families and dependants. Aid has been what was an all-time record at £253,441.

Our sister organisation, the Royal Air Forces' Association, helps greatly in this work by reporting on the majority of requests for assistance and disbursing awards on behalf of the Fund. This association organises a Wings Appeal during Battle of Britain Week, and for this it needs collectors to raise money, especially for its homes for the permanently disabled, and for convalescents.

Contributions sent to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, 48, Portland Place, London W1N 4AR, will be gratefully acknowledged by the Honorary Treasurer, Lord Ward of Willey.

HAROLD PINKNEY Chairman, R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, London, W1.

Hotel prices

SIR—I recently had occasion to spend two nights at a London hotel in single room at £15 a night. When asked if the £15 included breakfast I was told that it did not, and the £15 was only for the room and bed. The only compensation was the gorgeous dollops floating around hot pants.

D. W. YATE 51 Redale, Suffolk.



To be restored for £12,000

Pointing, will introduce it to an invited audience at the mill on Wednesday.

D. A. E. Cross, secretary of the society's Industrial Archaeological Committee, told me yesterday that he hoped the windmill would become part of a tourist attraction that will include a wildlife park near by and the Gelfrye pumping station on the Kennel and Avon canal. It is believed to be the only mill remaining virtually intact in Wiltshire.

Competitive dredgers

From Sir FREDERICK SNOW SIR—Referring to the report "Foulness planners warned not to waste time by 31st A. J. Aldrey" (Aug. 9), an amusing incident has been discussed in the House of Commons airport some years ago with the then Minister of Defence (Army), it was generally felt that it should be built with an adjoining deep sea port to take the newest and biggest container ships.

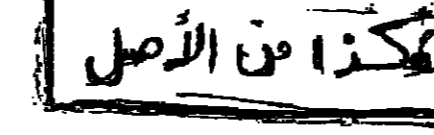
The associated industrial and urban complex world, of course, have fallen into line; but to build a deep sea port to take the largest modern tankers would have necessitated dredging to a depth of some 100 ft.

It is doubtful, not only in this country but in the world, whether there are in existence dredgers capable of dredging to this depth and it is therefore proposed that a company should be formed of which the Government would own half the shares, the other half being raised by private enterprise. Thus, the object was to form a British dredging company, capable of competing with our Dutch friends.

Dredging is not subject to the competitive prices that hold in certain types of civil engineering. Added to this, we should have been able to place an order for a dredger worth £5 million with the Glasgow shipyards, thus creating employment. FREDERICK S. SNOW London, S.W.1.

Vineyards Fair

SIR—With regard to my letter on the English Vineyards Fair (Aug. 15), the dates of the fair are Aug. 19-21, not Aug. 15-17 as appeared through a printing error. GRENVILLE FOWNEY Botesdale Lodge Vineyards, Botesdale, Suffolk.



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LONDON HOSPITAL GIVES MAN KIDNEY FLOWN FROM PARIS

By PATRICK CLAVY
A MAN'S chances of living were "vastly improved" last night after a London transplant operation made possible with a kidney flown from Paris under a European transplant scheme.

The scheme, in which Continental, British and Irish hospitals keep each other informed on the types of kidneys required for grafts, has saved 25 lives since it started 15 months ago.

CHURCHILL: On road to Dardanelles disaster

"EVERYONE including the Prime Minister consider I am Winston's facile dupli- cator," said a former member of the House of Commons in a column in the Sunday Telegraph. "I am entering into a game of chess (against a good player) which has been begun by bloody fools." Thus the new First Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fisher, on his chief of staff, the Admiralty, Winston Churchill.

It was this uneasy partnership which in 1914 set out on the road to the Dardanelles disaster. How the affair brought about Churchill's downfall within four months, and the crucial part played in that process by Fisher, is told fully for the first time in the new volume of Martin Gilbert's biography of Churchill. The Dardanelles story begins tomorrow in the Sunday Telegraph.

SUTCLIFFE'S 2 CRASHES IN TWO DAYS

Herbert Sutcliffe, 76, the former Yorkshire and England cricketer, crashed twice in two days after 55 years of perfect driving. Mr Jack Mewies, his solicitor, said at Bradford City Court yesterday. Sutcliffe, of Stratham Rise, Ilkley, was not in court. He pleaded guilty through his solicitor to driving without due care and attention in Bradford on April 1 and failing to stop after an accident. He was given a conditional discharge for 12 months and his licence was endorsed.

Mr Mewies said that after striking a car a glancing blow to Bradford he was involved in exactly the same type of accident the following day for which a magistrate had fined him £20. A hospital check showed his sight had been affected by a blood clot.

Police led pop band and fans out of town

A POP band was led out of Brighton by police after arriving there to give a free concert. Mr David Lewis, prosecuting, told Brighton magistrates yesterday.

The Corporation had refused permission for the Edgar Broughton band to hold the concert, but the group was determined to go ahead with it. About 100 people gathered in the town centre to listen, with the performers standing on a large lorry. Police asked the driver, KENNETH GIBSON, to move on.

A police car led the way with the lorry and the 400 people following. Traffic going the other way had to stop. At the edge of the town the group asked if it could play on the Downs, but police refused.

"Became abusive" The group and its supporters then became abusive. Landells refused to drive the lorry away and was arrested.

Landells, 24, of Gardens Flats, Eastern Green, Coventry, was fined £50 and £100 costs. He pleaded not guilty to obstructing police.

Miss Bowen also refused to move. Mr Lewis said. She was acquitted. Landells was re-arrested on bail until September.

Charges of obstructing justice were also adjourned until September.

JUST A PEEP BEFORE VENUS STRIKES AGAIN

By Our Paris Staff
The Venus de Milo was again precariously receiving innumerable visitors yesterday after thousands of holiday-makers had been disappointed on Thursday by a lightning strike of attendants at the Louvre and other French National museums.

But she may be back under lock and key again on Monday. "A strike notice makes it probable that certain national museums will be closed on Monday," said an announcement from the French Museum's directorate yesterday.

One of them had fished out £1-10p. The money was confiscated, but the judges have ordered it returned. Abandoned objects They ruled that "coins thrown into the water because of local tradition automatically become abandoned objects."

GRADED HOTELS 'HELP TOURISTS'

Sir Mark Henig, chairman of the English Tourist Board, in the summer issue of his magazine "Tourism in England" issued yesterday, makes another call for the classification of British hotels.

The production of a national classified hotel register would for the first time provide tourists with the information really needed to make a valuable marketing instrument, helping hotel owners as well as foreign travel agents.



Mr Heath holding the coveted Admiral's Cup which was presented to him in the Guildhall in Plymouth last night. With him are his team members, Mr Arthur Slater (left), and Mr Bob Watson, who respectively skipped Prospect of Whitby and Cervantes IV.

HEATH GETS CUP

Daily Telegraph Reporter
THE Prime Minister flew to Plymouth last night to receive the Admiral's Cup as captain of the British team who beat yachtsmen from 15 other countries.

He was presented with the gold trophy in the Guildhall, and a medalion on a ribbon was put round his neck by Mrs Owen Aisher, wife of the Commodore of the Royal Ocean Yacht Club. Two thousand yachting enthusiasts applauded.

Mr Heath, wearing a blue blazer with the England badge, said: "No one is looking forward more than I to the Southern Cross competition this year, and I hope that whatever the Brits choose to put out they will be a team which will defeat the Aussies."

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Farmer fined for 'shocking' state of animals

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
WHEN Ministry of Agriculture officials visited a farm they found a Guernsey cow was so weak that it had to be propped up by fed, magistrates at Redditch, Worcs, were told yesterday.

Ministry officials said a cow had slowly died in a field, calves were without food or water, and a sow was so thin its backbone could be seen through its skin.

Mr HARRY CLARKE, chairman of the Bench, said that conditions at the farm warranted a sentence of imprisonment.

The farmer, Eric Street, 58, of Stonehouse Farm, Lea End, Alvechurch, near Redditch, pleaded guilty to four charges under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

He was given a five months' suspended jail sentence and fined a total of £200. He was ordered to pay £20 costs.

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Trevi fountain plunder no longer a crime

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome
IT is not a crime to take coins thrown into Rome's Trevi Fountain, a court ruled yesterday, thus ending years of controversy over one of the city's main tourist attractions.

According to legend anyone who throws a coin in the fountain will one day return to Rome, and sometimes as much as 100lb of coins are tossed in every day.

Now people who want to plunder them have been given their "fishing licence" by test case rulings. Two judges acquitted three young men who were charged with theft after police spotted them taking coins from the fountain.

One of them had fished out £1-10p. The money was confiscated, but the judges have ordered it returned. Abandoned objects They ruled that "coins thrown into the water because of local tradition automatically become abandoned objects."

There is no difference between these and other objects abandoned in a public place, therefore no crime is involved if someone takes them.

Previously anyone caught taking the coins could be sent to prison for up to three years.

The treasure trove was regarded as the property of the workers who cleaned the fountain. They shared it among themselves, and once even put spikes in the fountain to keep out the "pirates."

On more than one occasion men were found swimming for the coins wearing complete frogmen's outfits.

Two young French women tourists were awaiting trial in Rome yesterday after stripping off their clothes on the steps of St Peter's. The two Parisiennes had been barred from entering because their misdeeds were said to have been "too short."

The tourists and the husband of one of them had become involved in an argument with policemen. The husband was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and outraging and assaulting police. The women were accused of complicity on the same charges and of "immoral acts in a public place."

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Profit-taking fails to halt the march up

DESPITE occasional dull spots in the leaders — Guest, Keen fell 7 to 39½ on some disappointment with the interim figures — London Stock Markets put up a satisfactory performance yesterday. After initial improvement in line with the further overnight rally on Wall Street, the industrial sections became hesitant on weekend influences but profit-taking was well absorbed and the market quickly resumed its upward course.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

F.T. index 412.6 (+4.0)

Further consideration of the good July trade figures encouraged renewed investment interest and the final tone was illustrated by the *Financial Times* Ordinary share index at 412.6, a rise of 4.0 on the day and 16.7 on the week.

The latest developments in the Truman Hambury bid situation tended to encourage increased speculative activity in other brewery shares. Scottish and Newcastle rose 12 to 122, while notable gains also occurred in Allied, at 150p, Bass, at 151p, Whitebread "A", at 80p, and Distillers at 156p.

British Government securities ended the week on a firm note. With short-dated stocks well to the fore, Treasury 9 p.c. 1984, which has now graduated from a medium to a short-dated stock, ended 12 higher at 98½. The 1984 Treasury 9 p.c. 1984, at 98½, was one of several issues to move up by ½. Elsewhere in the fixed interest lists, the six Rolls-Royce debenture stocks were all quoted at 148 ex the distribution.

The feature of After hours dealings in equities was the strength of Robert Hudson following the announcement of takeover discussions with Jessel Securities. Hudson Ordinary

COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS

Town & City £5m. bid for Sovereign Securities

TOWN and City Properties is making a £5 million take-over bid for Sovereign Securities, and has already obtained irrevocable acceptances for 52½ p.c. of the company.

Terms of the offer are 75-25 now and 50-50 on completion of the proposed loan stock and 50p in cash for every Sovereign 20s share. They value the shares at 100p.

Letraset rebounds

DIVIDEND restoration is going hand in hand with very solid recovery in profits for Letraset, the instant letting group. With a 50 p.c. bonus in dividend (total for 1970-71) of 10 p.c. for 1970-71 and 15-35 p.c. for 1971-72.

Norvic tops forecast

THE NORWICH-based company Norvic has reported a second round in the fight against the takeover bid — above forecast profits and a sharply higher dividend. At £240,000, and including £150,000 for items, pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 are £390,000 above chairman Mr R. A. Parker's forecast of £240,000, and less than £300,000 and leave last time's very depressed £26,000 well behind.

D. F. Bevan setback

PROFITS down from £196,851 to £116,655 here, to be a by metal merchant D. F. Bevan (Holdings) for the year to March 31. Question of final dividend, 50 p.c. of £116,655, is being deferred pending an investigation into final accounts of Axiacal. This offset has ceased to trade with resultant loss not expected to exceed £45,000.

Bear Brand's survival

CAN Bear Brand survive? Can it prosper? These questions are posed by Mr R. A. Gairbridge, chairman of the much-troubled brewery and knitwear group. The company, he says in his annual statement, cannot withstand a further devaluing price.

Jessel in Hudson talks

IT LOOKS as though the Jessel Securities Group is coming again to Robert Hudson, the international trader. Last summer Hudson fought off a bid from Leads Assets, which is in the Jessel stable, but now comes the news that discussions are taking place with Jessel which may or may not lead to a bid by one of the companies in the Jessel Group.

Cotton spinner plans liquidation

CROSSES and Heaton's, the Bolton-based cotton yarn spinner, made a net loss in its year to April of £18,560, and said yesterday that unless it gets a takeover bid by the end of November it will go into liquidation.

Likely bidders sniffing BSA

FOLLOWING the collapse of a planned rescue bid by electronic millionaire Dr Daniel McDonald, Birmingham Small Arms last night claimed that it had "been advised that other bidders have certain proposals under consideration which could lead to a bid being made."

Watney in secret revised offer to Truman board

By NICHOLAS OWEN

WATNEY MANX'S chances of winning the protracted battle for Truman Hambury Buxton improved significantly yesterday when the group announced that it had presented to the Truman board a new secret bid — one which, apparently, answers earlier objections.

Truman responded by suspending its support for Grand Metropolitan's last £16 million offer. But no decision is expected before next week. However, Watney executives last night made plain their impatience at Truman's delay in replying. The board received the latest information on Thursday afternoon.

It is the second time that Watney has made a secret approach for boardroom eyes only, and it was officially stated that "the full terms of this revised offer will not be released unless it receives the support of the directors of Truman."

I understand that Watney directors feel their terms may well provoke another boardroom split, in which case the offer will be made public as long as some Truman directors express their support.

European support for dollar range plan

THE currency crisis seems certain to continue simmering until the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund or until some reforms to the existing system are made. Yesterday's events all tended to keep the crisis on the go.

Economics Ministry spokesmen in Germany and Italy were quoted as commenting favourably on the American plan for a 3 p.c. range either side of par within which currencies could fluctuate freely.

French Government spokesmen had given the proposal qualified approval on Thursday night. Only Japan appeared to oppose the plan yesterday.

If such a proposal is likely to be accepted in Washington next month the dollar would almost certainly fall to a new floor 2 p.c. below the existing floor.



Mr James Goldsmith, chairman of Cavenham Foods...

Major shake-up at Hirst and Mallinson

A MAJOR reorganisation, the closure of one plant and part of another, including redundancy for some 200 people and following a first-half loss of £23,250, was announced yesterday by Hirst and Mallinson, the Yorkshire textile company.

This compared with a profit in the same period last year of £26,079, and the company is forecasting a loss for the year as a whole.

But "a very large turnaround in profitability" is expected from the next financial year. The losses derive from a company in the woolen division which had "incorrect pricing and product policy, excessive stock levels" and "inadequate management control over several years."

P & O axes 120 shore-based staff

By ROBERT EDLOW

UNDER the P & O group reorganisation, which comes into effect on October 1, about 120 UK workers of the 3,000 shore-based staff will become redundant, the group will then be split into 11 divisions.

The group has set up a special team of advisers to help find other work for those who lose their jobs. They have also stopped recruiting over the past few months to soften redundancies.

The first of the five new operating divisions, which represents the largest of P & O's shipping interests in terms of tonnage — the bulk shipping division — begins full operation on Aug. 16, six weeks ahead of schedule. The numbers made redundant here are 15.

Sir William Halcrow

SIR WILLIAM Halcrow and Partners, the London consulting engineers, has been appointed by the international bank for reconstruction and development to make a port feasibility study in the Philippines for the United Nations development programme. They were picked after a study of competitive proposals by American, French, Japanese and Scandinavian consultants.

Cavenham backs Bovril bid with £2.7m profits forecast

By RODNEY LORD

TO BACK its latest offer for Bovril, Cavenham is forecasting profits of £2.7 million before tax in the year to end-March 1972. This is at net attributable level. Cavenham is also underwriting the equity element of its bid at 30p a share which gives an underwritten value for the offer of 460p taking the convertible loan stock at 104.

This is the valuation put on the stock by stockbrokers Roger Morrison and Vickers de Costa. Full details of the profit forecast and underwriting arrangements will be circulated to shareholders next week in a supplement to the offer document sent out yesterday.

Rowntree Mackintosh's initial reaction was that underwriting did nothing to solve the capital gains tax problem. A spokesman for J. Henry Schroder Wagg, advisers to Bovril, added: "I don't think it alters our attitude to the bid."

Yesterday the chairman of Cavenham, Mr James Goldsmith, maintained that the reason for Bovril's recommendation of the Rowntree bid was that Rowntree and Bovril were similar companies. "The Bovril directors could find the competitive atmosphere within Cavenham somewhat uncomfortable," he said.

Record £260m home loans last month

THE apparently insatiable demand for mortgages continues, according to the July lending figures just issued by the Building Societies Association.

Last month the movement lent a record £260 million to home buyers, compared with £237 million in June and £225 million in May, also peak figures.

The association points out that the demand for new houses is increasing and that builders have been selling houses "very fast." This activity in the new house market has been backed up by a rise in the number of housing starts.

Increasingly during the last few months building societies have come under pressure to reduce the mortgage rate. Money has been flowing into the movement at a rate of well over £100 million a month.

However, building societies rebut this criticism with the argument that it is only the healthy flow of money into their offices that has enabled them to maintain such a high level of lending. They argue that any reduction in the rate at which house buyers borrow money would inevitably lead to a drop in the amount available.

FNFC

FIRST National Finance Corporation is planning to redeem its £20,000 6 p.c. cumulative preference stock at 80p per £1 stock unit.

More power station contracts expected

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

THE GOVERNMENT is expected to announce soon the go-ahead for a series of new nuclear and oil-fired power stations. At present the Central Electricity Generating Board has applications pending for three nuclear and five oil-fired stations representing capital investment of around £2,000 million.

The nuclear stations are Connah's Quay, Flintshire; Port-Sewett, Flint; and Oldbury "B", Cheshire. The oil-fired are: Littlebrook "D", Kent; Killingholme, Lincoln; and Brunswick Wharf "B", East London. It is not clear whether Mr Davies, Secretary for Trade and Industry, intends to approve all the stations (public inquiries have been held into the applications) but despite the enormous capital investment involved it is unlikely to ease the order problems facing power plant manufacturers and heavy engineering groups.

The phasing of the new plants depends on the C.E.G.B.'s planning timetable, and with electricity demand still running below forecasts there are few signs of any imminent improvement in the ordering pattern.

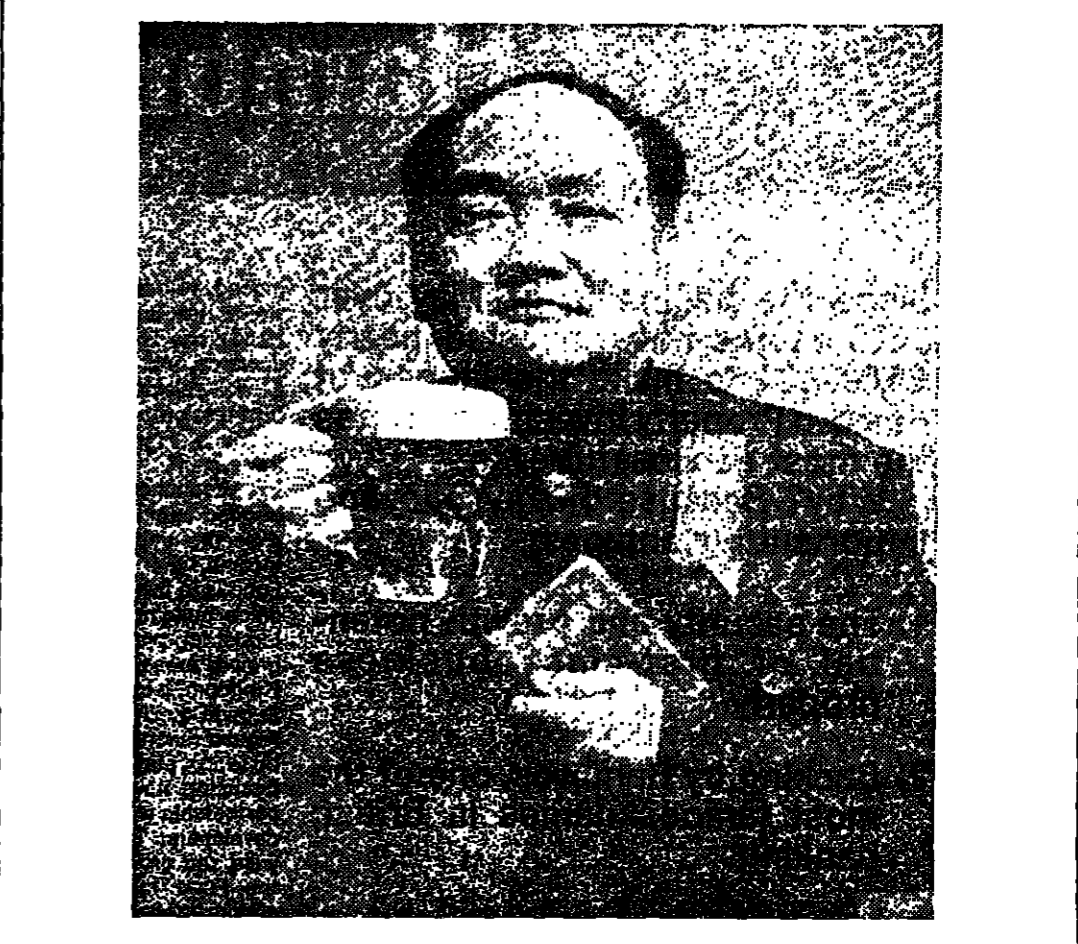
The big oil-fired Isle of Grain power station is the only plant being ordered this year and there are some question marks over whether Sizewell "B", Suffolk, the nuclear station knocked out of the current programme, will be fitted into next year's.

The C.E.G.B. is now more anxious to promote oil-fired stations because it argues there is little difference at present in the overall cost equation between oil and nuclear power despite the rising trend in oil prices.

Oil's smaller capital construction costs and higher running costs are balanced by nuclear's higher investment appetite and lower running costs. The C.E.G.B. also has cash-flow difficulties — it made heavy losses last year — that would be made worse by the capital demands of nuclear stations.

Critics argue that it is sacrificing short-term benefits for nuclear power's longer-term payoff but the board is currently pressing the Government to include at least two oil-fired stations in the forthcoming series.

The plant constructors are adding to the pressure on the Government to provide some incentive for the C.E.G.B. to step up its ordering programme. Interest-free loans has been the tongue-in-cheek plea.



You've only got to taste it to go with Watneys Red

Watneys Red was launched in April. It is already the most talked-about beer launch for years. And the most successful. Total gallonage sold is way up over last year's Red Barrel sales. Hundreds of new accounts have been opened.

To launch a massive operation like Red you have to have something more than the deep instinct for the business, which all brewers share. You need all the perceptive marketing, the sophisticated researching of modern management. The success of Red shows that Watneys know their business.

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MONEY AND EXCHANGES

Markets in cautious mood: dollar supported

CURRENCY markets were quiet but nervous yesterday. Activity was not great with most dealers already having taken positions ahead of the week-end...

The London gold price was fixed 2 1/2 cents lower at \$45.27 1/2 an ounce at the morning fixing and a further 2 1/2 cents down at \$45.00 at the 3 p.m. fixing.

OTHER MARKET RATES
HONGKONG: 14.650-14.814
GOLD PRICE
146 Fzs Dollars 45.275 2nd Fzs Dollar 43.00

FORWARD RATES
The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:
America 30-90 27.75-28.00

COMPANIES

A. J. Worthington

AFTER being £9,000 up at half-time full year profits of A. J. Worthington (Holdings) Textile group end up more than doubled at £161,541, against £81,185 pre-tax.

Charles Spreckley

WITH PRE-TAX profits at £467,863 comfortably beating the £450,000 forecast made at the time of the deal which gained the trading operations of Sene-De-De store fitting concern, Charles Spreckley Industries has come through its first year as a public company with living colours.

Dunlop

DIRECT EXPORTS from Dunlop factories were up 15 p.c. at £25.8 million in the first half of this year, the rubber products group announced yesterday.

IN BRIEF

Fuller, Smith and Turner: Profit £278,507 (£257,258), before tax £187,976 (£175,871). Final 8 p.c. making 18 (18).
Highland Tea Co. of Ceylon: Profit £28,880 (£18,543), before tax £890 (£11,500). Dividend 2 p.c. (3).

£161,541 (£80,156), before tax £85,202 (£38,520). Dividend 10 p.c. (20), pay Sept. 24.
Manchester Garages: Dividend on 5 p.c. preference shares for year 1969, pay Aug. 31.

Patent Industrial Group: First half profit £46,000 (£35,000). Interim 3 p.c. pay Sept. 30 (4 1/2 p.c. full year). Results affected by downturn in engineering industry.

BIDS AND DEALS

Bridgend
BRIDGEND Investment Trust has negotiated a conditional agreement to subscribe for 25 shares—about 5 1/2 p.c.—in Aero Plastic Building Supplies for £123,000.

Quinton Hazell
QUINTON Hazell (Holdings) has bought Johnson Burton and Thelaid, an automotive parts factory, by taking over its owner, Piper and Figg, for £295,000.

Gorst-Salveson
NEGOTIATIONS reported three weeks ago have now produced a £804,000 cash bid for the £145,635 one-class capital of estate

developers and builders Eldon R. Gorst. It comes from Christian Salveson, which is offering 150p cash for every 25p share, which closed yesterday 25p higher on the day at 150p.

Melody Mills—Mr W. T. Meich: Our new collection has been well received both at home and abroad, but it is too early to forecast what the results of the year's operations might be.

MINING

Western Titanium
PRE-TAX profits for ungraded-ilmenite producer, Western Titanium, a Gold Fields group company, were \$1,975,586 for the 17-month period ended June 30 against \$1,755,538 for the previous 12 month period.

CHAIRMEN

James Latham—Mr J. D. Latham: Turnover for first three months of current year shows a satisfactory increase, and we are optimistic that this trend will be continued during remainder of year.

Raytheon Corporation of the United States, is selling Best Products, a domestic electrical appliance maker to Fifeo Holdings for some £200,000 cash.

Terms of an agreed offer by London and Cleveland Property Investment for three investment trusts are £8.70 a share for Northern and London, 27.20 for share for Second Northern and London and 28 a share for Aere, L and C is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Preference Holdings.

CONTRACTS

Rails for Cuba
CUBA has placed an order for railway lines worth over £50,000 with the British Steel Corporation's general steel division.

AMERICAN COMMODITIES

SUGAR: No. 11 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 12 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 13 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 14 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 15 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 16 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 17 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 18 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 19 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2, No. 20 Sept 2 1/2-3 1/2.

RTZ takes stake in Mt Keith nickel deposit

CONZINC Rio Tinto of Australia, RTZ's Australian subsidiary, has taken out an option on the 16 1/2 p.c. stake Australian Consolidated Minerals holds in the vast 250 million ton, low-grade nickel deposit at Mount Keith in Western Australia and the promising adjacent Kingston nickel prospect in which ACM has a 53 1/2 p.c. stake.

Uranium estimate cut by 83pc

QUEENSLAND Mines chairman Mr Roy Hudson must have had a red face yesterday when his company announced a sharp downgrading in the total size of its uranium oxide reserve at the Nabarlek find.

Oil States return to attack

THE OIL-PRODUCING countries yesterday squared up for the start of another long and crucial struggle with the oil companies. The member States of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries confirmed that they are taking immediate steps to obtain a stake in oil company operations.

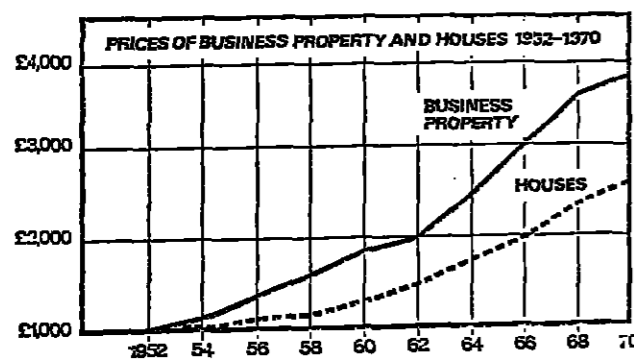
Draw 6% p.a. tax free

—with all the security and growth potential of Hambro Property Investment Bonds

Since the beginning of May over 3,500 people have invested nearly £5,000,000 to make the launch of Hambro Property Investment Bonds the most successful ever.

Why? Because of the following important advantages:

- 1. The security and growth potential of first-class business property.
2. Backing by Hambros, one of the most famous names in British banking.
3. Management by an outstandingly successful team, led by Mark Weinberg, with an advisory panel of property experts.
4. Increasing life assurance cover built in at no extra cost.
5. Valuable tax advantages.



1 First-class business property
Everyone knows from their own experience that the prices of houses have risen dramatically over the years. The graph (specially commissioned by Hambro Life from the Economist Intelligence Unit) shows how business property has risen in value even more dramatically over the last 18 years.

Indeed, values could fall as well as rise. But the historical trend has been strongly upwards, and, in our opinion, a well-selected spread of business property is likely to prove a highly rewarding investment.

To combine the prospects of good capital growth with a secure and rising rental income, the policy of the Fund is to invest in first-rate office buildings, shops and industrial premises in the growth areas of the United Kingdom, let on long leases to good quality tenants with regular rent reviews. Initially, up to 20% may be invested in financing new buildings in partnership with established developers. To improve its yield and growth prospects, the Fund may, in proper circumstances, buy property subject to an existing mortgage or borrow against properties to purchase further buildings, provided total borrowing does not exceed 25%.

2 The security of 2 Hambros
Hambro Life is a member of the Hambros Bank Group. This means that as well as enjoying the backing of one of the leading merchant bank groups in the world, Hambro Life will be able to invest the whole of its Fund in property. The Company has a standby credit with Hambros Bank—initially set at £1 million—which makes it unnecessary to maintain a margin of liquidity inside the Fund in present circumstances.

3 Management expertise
Hambro Life is managed by a team, led by Mark Weinberg, who have had outstanding experience in the field of property bonds. Their achievements include founding and building up one of the

How you can draw 6% p.a. tax free

If you invest at least £1,000 you can take advantage of the 6% per annum Cash Withdrawal Plan.
Twice a year, 3% of your Units will automatically be cashed-in and you will be sent a cheque for the proceeds. This amount is free of income and capital gains tax.
Assuming the net rental income accumulated in the Fund is 3 1/2% per annum, the capital value of the investments in the Fund will have to grow by 2 1/2% p.a. (after allowing for capital gains tax) in order to maintain the original value of the Bonds calculated at the offered price.

largest and most successful life assurance companies in the country.
A panel of experts with wide property experience has been set up to determine policy and to supervise the investment of the Fund. The members of the panel are: J. E. Cullis, Chartered Surveyor; J. N. C. James of the Grosvenor Estate; and Geoffrey Morley, former investment manager of the Shell Pension Fund.

Hambro Property Investment Bonds
Logo featuring an eagle with spread wings above the text 'Hambro Property Investment Bonds'. Below the logo is a stylized signature 'Mark Weinberg'.

ed Surveyors, Messrs. Jones, Lang, Woolton, will independently value the properties in the Fund at least once a year.

4 Increasing life assurance

Unlike any other property bond, Hambro Property Investment Bonds have a built-in life assurance benefit which actually increases with the value of the Bonds themselves. This means that the amount payable either to your family or your estate on your death is always in excess of the actual cash-in value of your Bonds.

5 Tax advantages

The rental and other income which is accumulated in the Fund for your benefit is subject to tax at only the reduced life assurance company rate of 3 1/2%. It is not treated as your income for tax purposes, so that you pay no income tax on it. There may be a liability to surtax when you take out the proceeds if you are then liable to surtax, but this amount is calculated on advantageous terms.

You are not liable to capital gains tax, and do not have the trouble of keeping records. The price of the Units is adjusted to allow for the Fund's own prospective liability. In current circumstances it is intended to restrict this deduction to 20% of the capital growth.

How can I watch the value of my Bonds?

The Hambro Property Investment Fund is split into Units and the value of the Fund is calculated twice a month. The resulting offered and bid prices are published in The Times, Financial Times and other leading national newspapers.

How do I cash my Bonds?

You can cash-in your Bonds at any time by sending in a simple claim form, and will receive a cheque, within a few days.

To ensure that Bondholders receive the maximum value when cashing-in their Bonds—even in the very unlikely circumstances when it may be necessary to sell properties to meet withdrawals—the Company considers it prudent to reserve the right to defer repayment in exceptional conditions for up to 6 months. This will not apply in the case of the death of a Bondholder.

What are Hambro Life's charges?

The offered price of the Units takes into account an initial charge of 5% and a rounding-up charge on unit trust principles. In addition, Hambro Life receives an annual charge of 2% of the value of the Fund. This covers the cost of providing the life assurance benefit as well as the Company's expenses.

The cost of buying, selling and managing the properties, as well as the valuation fees, are paid out of the Fund, and will not exceed the charges laid down by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Annual Report

Every year, you will be sent the Annual Report of the Fund, giving a full description of all the properties, the names of the tenants and when the rents under the leases come up for review, together with the valuations of the property by the independent valuers.

How do I buy Hambro Property Investment Bonds?

Simply complete the application form and send it in with a cheque for the amount you wish to invest. Your Bonds will be sent to you within four weeks.

To: Hambro Life Assurance Limited
6 Little Portland Street, London, W.1. 01-637 2781
I wish to invest £ (minimum £250) in Hambro Property Investment Bonds and enclose a cheque for this amount payable to Hambros Bank Limited.
Surname: Mr./Mrs./Miss
Full First Names
Address
Occupation Date of Birth
Are you in good health and free from effects of any accident or illness? If not, please give or attach details.
Tick here for 6% 'Cash Withdrawal Plan' (minimum investment £1,000)
Signature
Date DT SP
Send in your application and cheque now to get the benefit of Units allocated at the current offered price of £1.017. Offer closes on Friday 27th August, 1971.

FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND



A good policy for the proud and prudent father

I HAVE just become a proud father, and would like to provide a lump sum for my son on his majority. I am quite heavily committed to a life endowment policy linked with Barclays Unicorn Income units, and would find an increase of more than a couple of pounds per month quite difficult at the moment, though I expect my circumstances to improve at a later date. Would you consider a further policy on the above lines advisable in my son's name, but without any life cover which is not necessary, or would you recommend some other means of attaining my object? D.W. Wigan.

As you already have connections with Barclays Unicorn I suggest you write for particulars of their Children's Gift Plan, an initial investment which can cost as little as £5. The address is Barclays Unicorn House, 252, Romford Road, London, E.7.

Performance chart
PLEASE let me know of any publication giving simple up-to-date performance charts, and if possible investment advice to assist in the choice of unit trusts. W.P., Chichester.

Fundex Limited, 3/4, St. Andrew's Hill, London, E.C.4. publish the Unit Trust Year Book at £1.25, which should help in choosing suitable unit trusts for investment. The company also publishes Money Management and Unitholder, a monthly magazine containing the unit-holder index, an average of the growth of all unit trusts.

Selling shares
I SHOULD be pleased if you could advise me on the selling of small blocks of shares, as reading Money-Go-Round articles, it appears that stockbrokers do not like handling small amounts. I have blocks, the largest being 300. J. W., Surrey.
If you have difficulty in finding a stockbroker who is favourably disposed towards the small investor I suggest you deal through your bank.

Two-year investment
I AM a widow and have about £300 which I should like to invest until I retire in October, 1973. I would like this to grow as much as possible and I have any interest added to it. I read somewhere sometime that unit trusts had the edge over National Savings for growth. Also how would I stand on capital gains tax as I may be able to leave the sum invested after I retire. M.P. W., Wantage.

P/E ratio
I OFTEN see the term "selling on a historical price/earnings ratio of . . ." I have had two different explanations of what this really means. Could you tell me what "price/earnings ratio" means? To what extent can the strength of a company be judged by the ratio? H. G., Plymouth.

Price/earnings ratio denotes the number of years' purchase of latest net earnings per share represented by the current share price. It is in effect the old earnings yield expressed as a reciprocal of 100. To the extent that net earnings are calculated on past profits all price/earnings ratios are historic. The term, however, is mostly used to suggest that the figures on which the current ratio is based are out of date and that it would be wise to make allowance for subsequent developments in the company's affairs of which no account has been taken.

Guaranteed growth
I AM about to cash some 9th Issue National Savings Certificates, which after 17 years are valued at £1,900. What form of investment would you recommend for a period of say five years, an element of risk accepted. I am 55. H.B., Fareham.
I suggest you consider guaranteed growth bonds which guarantee about 50 p.c. capital appreciation, free of income tax and capital gains tax, over five years and much more over longer periods.

With-profit policies
AM an architect aged 42 and have a pension policy linked to unit trusts. I feel it would be desirable to make further provision by way of a with-profit policy. Do you agree? R.M.S., London.

Yes, With-profit policies with one leading office have shown outstanding results and should continue to do so. It should be remembered that profits earned cannot be taken away. Some offices with good future prospects include Equity National Scottish Equities, National Provident Institution, United Kingdom Provident Institution and the Life Association of Scotland.

scrip issues
NOTICE that in the reporting a scrip issue it is often called bonus. Would you agree that a scrip issue is not a bonus in a generally accepted meaning that word, and that this mis-e can be of disservice to shareholders in corporate companies. H.C., Fulborough.
The official description of a scrip issue is really a capitalisation issue but it is also known as bonus issue. To the untold I agree that this term

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



IF YOU would like guidance or advice on unit trusts, National Savings or other savings media write to: Kenneth Fleet, City Editor, The Daily Telegraph City Office, 112, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4. A stamped addressed envelope must be included and each letter confined to one inquiry. Regrettably no correspondence can be entered into on legal and tax matters. Quotes on insurance please mark envelope with the word "insurance" must relate to new policies.

Lincoln Glyn
YOU have frequently recommended the Lincoln Glyn Equity linked policy and bonds. How well has it done compared with the FT All Share Index?—M.L., Weybridge.

Over the past three years its units have risen by 21.8 p.c. compared with a rise of only 4.8 p.c. in the index.

Thrift club saving
I WANT to invest my Scout group building fund and monthly contributions to our thrift club (used by parents and friends to save for holidays and Christmas expenses) to earn maximum interest with safety and relative ease of withdrawal. What can you suggest? G. S., Folkestone.

Rather than take any risks for the sake of a point or two of extra interest I suggest that for your particular purpose you consider the National Savings Bank Ordinary Investment Accounts, interest on the latter currently being paid at the rate of 7 1/2 p.c. per annum gross. Withdrawal is at one month's notice and full details can be obtained from any Post Office.

Save As You Earn
I WISH to invest a lump sum in Save As You Earn. Can you please let me know how I go about doing this? A.C., Tunbridge Wells.

Most leading building societies will arrange a SAYE contract on a lump sum basis for you and I suggest you make inquiries in this connection in your area. Alternatively, you could write to Capital Annuities Ltd., 1, Broad Street Place, London, E.C.2, and request particulars of its £500 scheme whereby a temporary capital protected annuity is linked to a SAYE contract.

Also how would I stand on capital gains tax as I may be able to leave the sum invested after I retire. M.P. W., Wantage.

The purchase of unit trusts should essentially be undertaken for the long term and for this reason I would not recommend this type of investment for your purpose unless you are prepared to leave it for up to five years.

Unit trusts, profits on which are subject to capital gains tax, reflect the performance of markets and such investments, therefore, carry risks—if you require guarantees it would be better to keep to National Savings or leading building societies which are absolutely secure.

Transferring shares
I UNDERSTAND from a friend that you can transfer small amounts of shares to another person by the signing on the back of the share certificate, thus avoiding stockbroking charges and stamp duty. Is this so? G.S., Chingford.

A transfer of shares in a limited company, no matter how small the number involved, has to be registered by deed with the company concerned and there is a recognised form of procedure for this. Your bank would probably only make a small charge for undertaking this task on your behalf.

Yorkshire Insurance
COULD you please tell me if Yorkshire Insurance is still in existence? Mrs G.B., Surrey.

Yes, it is one of the finest insurance companies in Britain and is now part of the General Accident Group. The life office for the whole group is now called the Yorkshire General Life.

LET me introduce you to the Collector of Taxes—in the strict sense of the word; the gentleman appointed by the board of the Inland Revenue who acts, under the control of the board, in the matter of collecting tax directly from the taxpayer.

This direct collection operates only in certain circumstances, and it is the details relevant to this direct collection which I want to discuss.

The collection service at the Inland Revenue may be summarised very briefly. At the head of it is the Accountant & Comptroller General. Under him come Chief Collectors responsible for wide areas of the country, and finally the Collector of Taxes—in charge of each "collection."

Anyone who owes money to the Inland Revenue must not trade on the fact that a Collector of Taxes has no authority to move against the taxpayer without the sanction of the Inspector of Taxes. The Collector may, however, give you breathing space to pay or approve in cases of hardship, instalments of a reasonable nature to both sides.

Be warned, however, that if you fail to appeal against an assessment and do nothing more, the Collector may really go to town—distrain, bailiffs, County Court, High Court—the lot.

BRYAN LINCOLN'S concluding article on methods of collection Remember the watchful tax man

PERSONAL TAX



lands under Schedule B, we are left with tax due under Schedule D as the basis of nearly all demands received direct from the Collector. That is, ignoring surtax, to which I shall give attention in a moment.

As most of you will know, Schedule D is subdivided into "cases," which apply according to the particular source of the income concerned.

Each "case" has its statutory due date, on or before which the relevant tax has to be paid. As far as your assessments and demands are concerned, you should perhaps forget about the word "case" if you want to know when your tax is due and a demand expected.

Consider instead whether or not the income in question is earned or unearned. The tax on earned income is payable in two equal instalments on January 1 and July 1, whereas that on unearned income is payable in one annual lump sum on January 1.

In either case you may expect the assessment and demand note during the end of the previous October or the beginning of November. This fact gives you plenty of time to appeal if necessary.

We must now consider what is "earned" or "unearned" for Schedule D purposes, in order that we can carry through to the object of the exercise, which is to make a note of the date on which the Collector of Taxes will be asking us for money in what may well be a rather nasty-looking lump sum.

Earned income assessed under Schedule D (tax due in two instalments) is that derived from a trade, profession or vocation either in this country or from abroad by a British resident. By concession, a foreign pension in the hands of a British resident is also regarded as "earned" so as to attract tax by two instalments.

I say "by concession" because a foreign pension is not actually mentioned in Taxes Act 1970 (Section 4 (2)), which otherwise sanctions two instalments for tax on profits or gains from any trade, profession or vocation. The taxpayer is, however, normally given the benefit of the fact that a foreign pension is earned income.

The Collector of Surtax, from anyone fortunate enough to pay it—is the Accountant and Comptroller General. His demand is based upon an assessment made by the Controller of Surtax acting for the board. It will be sent out a few weeks before January 1 on which date surtax is due. This allows the 30 days for any necessary appeal—which is made in writing in the first place to the Controller of Surtax.

From what I have said, you will see that January 1 can be a somewhat frosty date for the Schedule D-cum surtax payer. Two lump-sum demand notes can be most unpleasant unless one has saved for it—possibly by Tax Reserve Certificates.

A very important thing, of course, is the ability to calculate well in advance the amount of tax which one will be required to pay. This is something which I shall illustrate in a separate article.

WHILE I welcome readers' comments, criticisms and suggestions, we cannot deal with personal tax problems.—K.F.



40-53 Bedford Square, W.C.1, one of eight major properties in the Abbey Property Bond Fund with an aggregate value of £23,000,000.

Now at £58,000,000, the Abbey Property Bond Fund is bigger than all the others put together. That's why we can give you a stake in the best properties around.

Property Bonds have now become a fully accepted and successful method of investment. None more so than Abbey Property Bonds.

So much so that, at the time of writing, our fund stands at more than £58,000,000.

With this behind us we can purchase, on favourable terms, large individual properties costing millions of pounds each. (As illustrated by 40-53 Bedford Square, W.C.1, shown above, which is valued at over £3,000,000.)

Most other funds just cannot afford such large transactions. Obviously, investment on such a scale brings rewards on the same scale, both in growth and security.

In the last 12 months alone, Abbey Property Bonds rose in value by 11.0% (including the reinvested rental income net of tax). To achieve the same result a standard rate taxpayer would have required a gross income of 15.5% on his money.

In the same 12 months, investors continued to place an average of £2 million with us each month. Which should enable us to move on to even bigger and better things.

Security
The Abbey Property Bond Fund is the biggest and most successful in Britain. We have 20,000 policy holders with an investment of over £58 million.

Abbey Life itself, one of Britain's best known Life Assurance Companies, with assets exceeding £120 million, is a member of the £2,800 million ITT Group.

Built-in Life Assurance
As long as you hold Abbey Property Bonds, which are single premium life assurance policies, your life is assured automatically, at no extra cost.

Income Tax & Capital Gains Tax
With Abbey Property Bonds you have no personal liability to Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax either while you hold them or when you cash them. The Company is liable to income tax on the rental income, at the special Life Assurance Company rate—currently 37.5%.

The Company also has the right to make deductions to cover its own Capital Gains Tax liabilities, but this is not adjusted for in the Unit price. In present circumstances, it intends to limit this deduction to two-thirds the normal rate.

Surtax
Surtax payers are liable to surtax (or higher rate tax after 1973) when they cash in or on death, depending on their surtax situation at the time of cashing in. There are a number of provisions which enable a surtax payer to reduce, and possibly eliminate, the liability and very high surtax payers should contact Abbey Life for precise details.

Investment Policy
The Abbey Property Bond Fund is managed by the Property Division of Hambros Bank.

It's invested in top industrial and commercial properties with really sound tenants. To name but a few—National Westminster Bank, Esso Chemicals, The Post Office, W. H. Smith, American Express, IPC and Boots.

Because the value of some types of properties were lower during 1970, some particularly attractive purchases with very good long-term growth prospects were made.

The Fund also buys sites and constructs its own buildings in conjunction with approved developers. Naturally, this is only undertaken with letting of the completed properties guaranteed in advance.

Up to 25% of the Fund can be applied in this way.

Regular Valuations
Once a month a valuation of the

Fund's properties is carried out by the Fund Managers and by Richard Ellis and Son, Chartered Surveyors, and an agreed valuation is supplied to Abbey Life.

Unit prices are published daily in leading national newspapers.

Low Charges
To pay for life cover and management expenses, Abbey Life charges 5%—which is included in the offer price. Plus a small rounding-off price adjustment.

After that charges total only three-eighths per cent a year. All expenses of managing, maintaining, and valuing the properties as well as the cost of buying and selling the Fund's investments, are met by the Fund itself.

Cashing in Your Bonds
You can normally cash in your Bonds at any time and receive the full bid value of the Units, subject only to any adjustment for Capital Gains Tax, as described earlier.

In exceptional circumstances the Company retains the right to defer payment for up to six months pending realisation of properties.

However, the Company maintains adequate liquid resources, similar to that of building societies, so in normal circumstances there should be no delay in cashing in.

Disclosure of Information
As a Bondholder, you'll receive our Annual Report with full details of the entire Portfolio.

This includes photographs of the properties. And full financial information to let you see exactly how your money is invested.

As a new Bondholder you'll receive a current Annual Report with your Bonds.

How to Invest
Fill in and post off the completed application form, together with your cheque.

As soon as it's accepted, you receive your Bonds which show the number of Units you've been allocated in the Abbey Property Bond Fund.

Abbey Property Bonds

With so much behind us, it's no wonder we're ahead.

To: Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited, Abbey Life House, 1-3 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8AR. Tel: 01-248 9111

I wish to invest £_____ in Abbey Property Bonds (any amount from £100) and I enclose a cheque for this amount payable to Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited.

Surname (Mr./Mrs./Miss) _____

Full First Names _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Date of Birth _____

Are you in good physical and mental health and free from the effects of any previous illness or accident?

If not, please give details _____

Do you already hold Abbey Property Bonds or Abbey Equity Bonds or another Abbey Life Policy?

Tick here for 6% Withdrawal Plan* (minimum single investment £1,000)

* Send in your application and cheque now to get the benefit of Units allocated at the current offered price of £1.18. Offer closes on Tuesday August 24.

Age when buying Abbey Property Bonds	Life Cover per £100 invested
Under 30	£250
30-34	£220
35-39	£190
40-44	£160
45-49	£135
50-54	£120
55-59	£110
60-64	£105
65-80	£100

Signature _____ Date _____

Completion of 15% will be paid on any Application pending the issue of a Bond, provided the Applicant is a British Citizen, is a resident in the United Kingdom, and is not a disqualified person. The application and life cover come into force only upon acceptance by the Company, and the life cover may be restricted.

FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND



Reversionary potential in Land Securities

THE ALREADY high standing that Sir Harold Samuel's Land Securities Investment Trust enjoys in the stock market should soon be further improved when it publishes some details of its reversionary — property leases falling due for renewal.

The publication of this information by Britain's biggest property company is a step forward in giving vital information relevant to valuations to the shareholders. At least one broker feels that Land Securities has a greater reversionary potential than other property companies and suggests that a purchase of the shares at 185p could be very profitable.

It is not surprising that the shares have since risen and now stand at 183p. But given the group's outstanding record and the benefits it stands to gain from its latest bid — for site-rich Westminster Trust — the price has still not really "got away."

Unigate to Europe

READERS have been asking for suggestions of companies likely to derive notable trading benefits from Britain's entry into the Common Market. One which comes readily to mind is Unigate, the United Dairies and Cow and Gate combine.

Only recently chairman Sir James Barker said: "There are very few companies, if any, that

THE MERCURY COLUMN



By PETER RICHARDS

have more to gain." At their current 128½p, Unigate shares could well have some way to go.

Only a scratch

I AM SURPRISED that Manbre and Garton have been neglected in the recent rise in the market of both leaders and first-class second-line issues. The reason, doubtless, is because in June this year the board was expected to last time £2.10 million in view of this the shares should certainly be above the current 85p. At that level the yield is an attractive 6.1 p.c. and the price/earnings ratio a hardly forward-looking 12.5.



It's no surprise that shares in Sir Harold Samuel's Land Securities Investment Trust have risen — and it looks like there's more to come.

4.9 p.c. at the pre-tax level, with £1,014,000 against £1,067,000.

This is more a scratch than a dent, but more attention seems to have been paid to it than what the group said of its second-half prospects. It felt they were "more encouraging," particularly in view of the revision of the sugar refining margin in April.

Moreover — and in spite of rising costs — the board was expecting full-year profits to be up on last time £2.10 million in view of this the shares should certainly be above the current 85p. At that level the yield is an attractive 6.1 p.c. and the price/earnings ratio a hardly forward-looking 12.5.

THE gilt-edged market spent most of a relatively uninspired week nervously awaiting Thursday's overseas trade figures and watching, with surprising calm, the tense situation in Northern Ireland and the latest phase of developments concerning the dollar on the world currency scene.

Although the political and financial backgrounds have not been conducive to active trading, the undertone has been encouragingly firm with prices continuing to recover from the sharp setback sustained during the second half of July, following Mr Barber's mini-Budget.

This is hardly surprising since a yield spectrum ranging from 8½ p.c. on a ten-year maturity to just under 9½ p.c. on stocks redeemable in 25 years' time does provide an important element of built-in protection against adverse external influences such as the current weakness of the dollar.

If it were left to purely domestic factors to determine the present path of the gilt-edged market it seems a fairly safe bet to predict that it would probably be in the direction of higher prices and lower yields. However, this is not the case in which the investor must never turn a blind eye to what is happening overseas.

The visible trade surplus of £43 million, announced on Thursday, was well received by the market and served to vindicate the bullish actions of those who had made their purchases at lower levels earlier in the week.

Prices of medium and long dated issues immediately after the release of the trade figures were, in fact, roughly ½ points higher than a week previously. The week ended on an extremely bright note yesterday when prices rose by up to a further ½ point in the medium and up to ¾ of a point in the long on market suggestions that the Government Broker had raised the selling price of his new long dated tax stock Treasury 8½ p.c. 1997 "A" Stock to 85½.

MOST readers will no doubt be aware of the fact that British Government securities, if held for over one year, are exempt from capital gains tax.

This was an important and welcome concession which Mr Jenkins granted in his 1969 Budget and one which has resulted in a never-ending demand by high tax payers for low coupon stocks standing at a significant discount

The Ulster crisis fails to dim an encouraging performance and . . .

Trade figures please market

FIXED INTEREST



By STUART HAVERSTOCK

below their ultimate redemption price.

This element of tax-free capital appreciation to redemption has given such stocks something of a scarcity value and although prices of these issues have appreciated sharply since the 1969 Budget, the surtax payer can still find useful returns. Taking the top rate of 75 p.c. and using the grossed-up net redemption yield as the yardstick, an attractive picture emerges with the following stocks.

Electric 3½ 68/73 giving net redemption yield grossed up of 11.32. Savings 3½ 65/73 (14.36). Electric 3½ 74/77 (13.78). Transport 4½ 72/77 (12.68). Electric 4½ 76/79 (15.28). Treasury 3½ 77/80 (15.40). Transport 3½ 78/81 (15.84). Gas 3½ 80/85 (16.88). Funding 3½ 99/04 (15.16).

High status of brewery debentures

AN often-asked question about brewery debentures, is why they invariably yield less than comparable debentures in other companies. The main reason is the extremely high quality of the capital backing against which such debentures are normally secured.

For many years fixed income securities have provided a favourite medium of finance for

quoted brewery concerns in Britain since most of their tangible assets take the form of freehold land and property which the company can conveniently charge by way of mortgage.

A second reason for the high status enjoyed by this category of prior charge is the long experience of stable earnings and steady profitability of the brewing industry itself, so that even unsecured loan stocks in brewery companies are regarded as relatively safe from the violent profits fluctuations which often afflict manufacturing industry.

A third reason, less important than the others, is that brewery debenture issues are normally fairly sizeable and thus give the stocks the necessary degree of marketability to ensure a continued investment following.

A selection of brewery debentures is set out in the accountancy table in each case interest is paid twice-yearly.

World Bank issue has wide appeal

AN enthusiastic response was merited for Thursday's offer for sale of £10 million 8 p.c. Stock 1976 of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Arrangements for the issue, at 100, were made by a consortium of six leading Lon-

don Merchant Banks, Baring Bros., Hambros, Lazards, Morgan Grenfell, Rothschild and Schroder Wagg.

The World Bank, as it is otherwise known, was set up as a result of the Bretton Woods agreement in 1946 and has raised three previous issues on the London capital market, the last as long ago as 1959 when £7½ million 5 p.c. 1977/82 stock was issued.

The only other issue still outstanding is £2.7 million 3½ p.c. Stock 1969/74. The latest flotation will therefore double the amount quoted in London. Half-yearly interest will be paid on January 31 and July 31 with an initial payment of £3.77 p.c. in January, 1972.

A feature worth mentioning is that interest will be payable without deduction of British

income tax. Another noteworthy point is that, unlike the previous World Bank issues, this new stock, being a short dated maturity redeemable within five years on July 31, 1971, will be dealt in with the gross accrued interest added daily to the market price.

It will be a Trustee stock falling within Part II of the first Schedule of the Trustee Investment Act 1961, and Part I of the Schedule to the Building Society (Authorised Investments) Order 1962.

Compared with gross redemption yields of 7.06 p.c. on Treasury 6½ p.c. 1976 and 7.72 p.c. on Southampton 7½ p.c. 1976 the 8 p.c. return on this high quality World Bank stock should enable it to command a small premium when dealings begin on Monday.

BREWERY DEBENTURES

ALLIED BREWERIES	Amount in Issue £ mill	Offer Price	Income Yield	Red. Yield Gross
5½% Deb. 1964/89	9.7	71½d	8.53	9.34
5½% Deb. 1968/93	12.0	78½d	9.04	9.39
5½% Deb. 1971/76	9.1	85½	8.52	8.51
5½% Deb. 1967/92	23.0	90½	9.31	9.51
10½% Unsec. Loan 1990/95	11.8	104½	10.01	9.93
10½% Unsec. Loan 1988/93	30.0	76½	9.63	10.08
10½% Unsec. Loan 1992/97	40.0	273½	10.20	10.17
7½% Deb. 1965/93	10.0	75½	9.31	9.76
8½% Unsec. Loan 1990/95	10.0	85½	9.67	9.90
7½% Deb. 1969/94	7.3	82½	9.26	9.52

SOME RECENT ISSUES

ISSUE PRICE	RECENT PRICE	AMOUNT PAID UP %	NEXT CALL	AMOUNT TO PAY	GROSS INTEREST YIELD %	GROSS RED. YIELD %
95	94½	100	—	—	6.09	6.50
95	94½	100	—	—	9.31	9.36
97	104	10	Nov. 1	40	9.97	9.99
100	10	10	Aug. 25	20	8.00	8.01
100	100	100	—	—	6.50	6.50
100	25½	25	Sep. 22	75	10.24	10.22
100	50	50	Dec. 31	50	10.73	10.75
100	101	100	—	—	10.07	10.05
99	51½	50	Sep. 22	49	10.45	10.45
99	52½	50	Sep. 15	50	10.12	10.09
99	50	50	Jan. 31	49	10.61	10.61
100	27½	25	Sep. 17	40	10.21	10.17

Important

To the Shareholders of BOVRIL LIMITED

WHICH IS THE BETTER BID?

—Cavenham's or Rowntree's?

Here are the facts:

1. VALUE OF BID

Cavenham's offer is worth 483p per Bovril share. Rowntree's offer is worth 446p per Bovril share. (See Note 1)

2. SECURITY

Cavenham's share offer is underwritten for cash. Rowntree's is not.

3. PROFITS GROWTH

Cavenham is forecasting earnings growth this year of 30-40%. Rowntree is forecasting 7½-12%.

4. SHARE PRICE GROWTH

£100 invested in Cavenham in 1965 would be worth £320 today. £100 invested in Rowntree at the same time would be worth £150 today. (See Note 3)

Cavenham's offer is by each of these tests a better and more valuable offer than that of Rowntree.

The Bovril Board are recommending the Rowntree offer, but indeed they also recommended the original Rowntree offer of 355p per share, which was worth £3,500,000 less than the present Stock Market value of your shares.

Accept Cavenham's offer and participate in a strong vital group comprising both Bovril and Cavenham.

NOTES

- In each case the value of the share element is based on latest middle market quotations. The unsecured loan stocks are valued at par and the convertible loan stocks at values as advised by brokers.
- The profit forecast which does not include any part of the profit on the sale to the Southlands Corporation of a 49.99% interest in the group's retailing activities, is prepared on the assumptions set out below.
- The agreement with the Southland Corporation mentioned above will be completed by 31st August, 1971.
- The share price growth is based on the highest price in 1965 for ordinary shares of Cavenham and Rowntree and on the latest middle market quotations.
- The formal document containing details of the underwriting and reports by Keyser Ullmann Ltd. and Price Waterhouse & Co., on the revised profit forecast of Cavenham, will be posted to shareholders of Bovril early next week.

This advertisement is inserted by Cavenham Ltd., a duly authorised committee of the Board of which has carefully considered the statements of fact and information contained herein, and accept individually and collectively responsibility therefor.

14th August, 1971.



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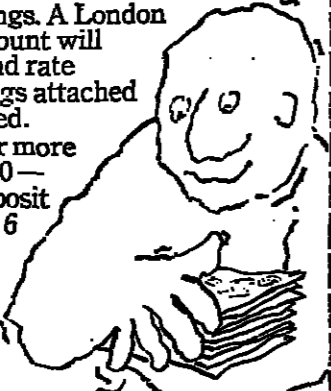
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SAVERS' CHOICE

BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
Interest paid on deposits. Min./Max. holding: None. Notice: Seven days min. 4 p.c. Banks in Scotland, Min. one month 3½ p.c.

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Interest paid on deposits. Min./Max. holding: £1 plus. Notice: 1 mth., 4 p.c.; 3 mths., 5 p.c.; 6 mths., 7½ p.c.; Savings schemes: 23 years, 7½ p.c.

TRUSTEE SAVINGS SPECIAL DEPOSITS
Int. Paid gross. Min./Max. holding: £1-£10,000. Notice: One month 5-7 p.c. Other periods 6-7½ p.c.

ORDINARY NATIONAL SAVINGS AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK
No tax on the first £21 of interest making gross yield on deposits of up to £200 equal to 6 p.c. for standard rate taxpayers. Interest on deposits of more than £500, with a maximum of £10,000 paid gross, no tax concessions.

7 p.c. BRITISH SAVINGS BONDS
Interest of 7 p.c. paid twice yearly without deduction of tax. Bonus of 3 p.c. tax free if bond is held for 5 years making effective gross yield of 7.98 p.c. over period. Notice periods: 1 mth. Min./Max. hold. inc. £5-£10,000.

LATEST ISSUE SAVINGS CERTIFICATES
Tax: Yield taken into account premium, which are tax free. Min./Max. £100. Period: 1 yr., 3-0 p.c. (equiv. 4.9 gross); 2 yrs., 3-9 p.c. (equiv. 5.9 gross); 3 yrs., 4-7 p.c. (equiv. 7.0 gross); 4 yrs., 5-73 p.c. (equiv. 8.0 gross).

N.E.S. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
Int.: Paid gross. Min./Max. holding: £1-£10,000. Notice: One month 7½ p.c.

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BUILDING SOCIETY SHARES
Int.: Paid net. tax cannot be reclaimed. Min./Max. holding: £5-£10,000. Notice: One month, 5 p.c. (tax paid 18.16 p.c.); 3-5 p.c. (tax paid 18.16 p.c.); 6-12 p.c. (tax paid 18.16 p.c.); 10-18 p.c. (tax paid 18.16 p.c.).

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One month 5½ p.c.; 3 mths., 5½ p.c.; 6 mths., 5½ p.c.; 1 year, 5½ p.c.; 5 years, 6 p.c.; 6 years, 6 p.c.

FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND



How to make that hospital bed a lot more care-free



JULIAN GIBBS reports on a £100-a-month benefit plan

I AM always suspicious when I read about insurance plans that have swept America, especially when they are being marketed direct to the public or through sales forces. But an excellent policy, which is probably the exception which proves the rule, has been issued by London & Edinburgh General Insurance.

It is a subsidiary of one of America's largest companies, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, and is based at Pembroke House, 41, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 3QN.

you never cancel the contract for any reason whatsoever, unless of course you don't pay your premiums.

All benefits of this £100-a-month plan are paid directly to the policy holder in cash in addition to any other cover, public and private, that the holder may have. There are no restrictions on the way the money is used.

The policy pays £100 a month in cash for each accident or illness which puts you into hospital. Coverage for accidents begins immediately upon payment of the first premium. After your policy has been in effect for 30 days, you are covered for all sicknesses which originate thereafter.

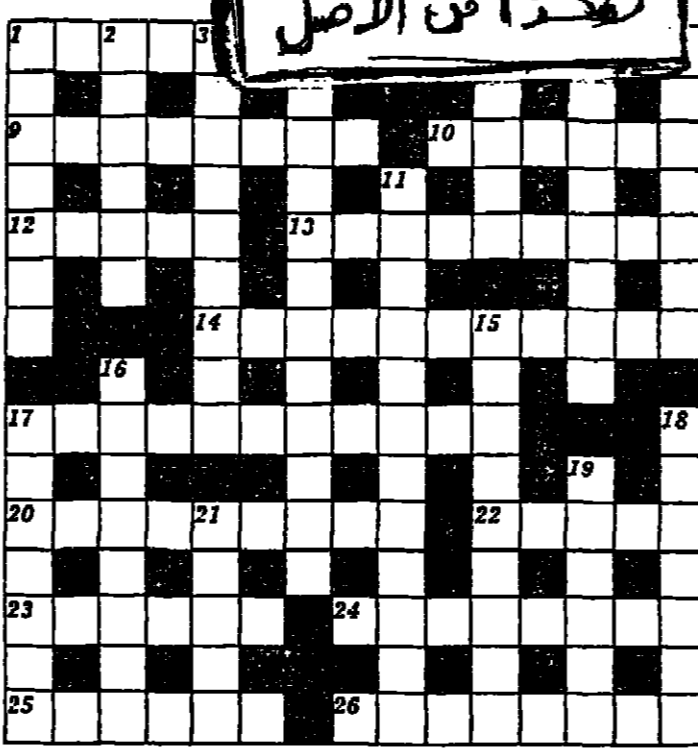
If both a husband and a wife are in hospital at the same time for accidental injury such as one resulting from a car crash, £400 a month in cash will be paid to the policy holder. The policy will also pay up to £1,000 in cash for complete accidental loss of limbs or eyesight which means that anyone who is blinded completely or loses two limbs will receive £1,000 and someone who loses the sight of one eye or one limb will receive £500.

One point to note is that under existing practice the Inland Revenue, any insurance benefits received as a result of confinement in hospital are not taxed for a period of up to one year. After that time the benefits are normally taxed as unearned income, but I hope that the Government will change legislation to allow all benefits of this kind to be free of tax, or treat them more realistically.

The terms of this policy are so good that many people will want to take out policies in produce benefits in excess of £100 a month. In order to protect themselves from dishonest claims the insurance company has, quite rightly, limited the availability of the policy to one person.

JULIAN GIBBS is a Fellow of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers; chairman of Antony Gibbs & Sons, a specialist in life insurance, unit trusts, estate duty and surtax planning, and a founder member of the Capital Protection Consortium.

One of the greatest benefits of this policy is that the company



FINANCIAL CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Staffordshire distributors of photographic equipment (5) 5 Flee from the girl while she's capering about (7) 9 May be equal to ten others, but this man comes in last (3) 10 Give away (but remember to disclose it in the Annual Report) (6) 12 Permit candle to lose its head (5) 13 Protestant offspring of brave and geisha? (9) 14 Midland company to teach us a thing or two (11) 17 Part magical—but it gets to be maddlesome (11) 20 Sustenance for the animals—supplied by Allied subsidiary of Imperial Tobacco (4, 5) 22 Famed source of statistical information (5) 23 Empty, then gets a shilling and becomes mad (6) 24 Warrant for shares giving a feeling of safety? (8) 25 How one saw Fanny? (6) 26 After stone, Paper company captures ship; it's underlined (6)

Tory White Paper on housing brings new mortgage

A NEW PLAN to give first-time house buyers bigger mortgages and low repayments in the early years has been introduced by the City and Metropolitan Building Society.

Called the First Home Plan, this new scheme has been drafted with a particular eye on the Government's controversial White Paper, "Fair Deal for Housing."

The White Paper proposes that local authorities should be permitted to let tenants wishing to buy houses at paying their removal and legal expenses. Coupled with the facilities offered by the First Home Plan, the time is approaching when a great many families in the lower income groups will be able to turn the dream of home ownership into a reality.

Indeed the figure of 400,000 potential first-time home owners has been quoted by the Building Societies Association—an indication of the size of the new mortgage demand that will be let loose as a result of the Government's proposals.

The chief characteristics of the plan are as follows. A loan of three times gross yearly income is available, while monthly payments during the first year are approximately the same as if the loan had been the more usual, two and a half times income.

The monthly payments are increased each year for five years and then remain in just under 25 per cent. The average annual increase in the monthly payments is 4.2 per cent, one should remember that if many years since annual increases in wages and salaries were at a lower figure.

In fact, the savings with this new scheme are considerable. Take the application of a man who is earning £27.88 per week, plus overtime. If he were to obtain a loan of two and half times income the loan would be £34.85 and the monthly payment £27.82 compared with a normal mortgage of £27,000 over a 25-year term the monthly payment would be £53.40.

JOHN POWELL

UNIT TRUST PRICES

Table of Unit Trust Prices with columns for Name, Value, and Change. Includes sections for M. & G. GROUP, NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., and various other fund managers.

Look at what the Save and Prosper Property Fund offers you

- 1. A stake in property 2. Expert fund management 3. Up to 8% p.a. as income 4. Unique 100% growth guarantee 5. Life insurance 6. Tax advantages

Remember—these payment rates are not subject to income tax or capital gains tax. At the 7 1/2% growth rate illustrated, you should note that a policy maintains its value with payment rates of 4% and 6% net.

At the 8% net payment rate, however, there is some reduction in value. The Fund Managers believe that for many older investors this very high payment rate may carry advantages that outweigh the reduction in policy value.

4. Unique 100% growth guarantee A unique guarantee is written into your policy and is guaranteed by the resources of Save and Prosper Insurance Limited; that your money will at least double in value after 20 years.

5. Life insurance Your Save and Prosper Property Fund single payment policy automatically provides you with important life insurance cover.

3. Up to 8% p.a. as income One of the key benefits of the Save and Prosper Property Fund for many investors is the special Income Facility.

6. Tax advantages Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. You have no personal income tax or capital gains tax liability on any money you take out of the Fund.

Table showing Growth of £1,000 at 7 1/2% p.a. for 10, 15, and 20 year periods, and a table for Payment Rates (0%, 4%, 6%, 8%) showing Policy Value and Pay-Off Value.

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BOYCOTT RETURNS WITH UNDERWOOD TO ENGLAND SIDE

By E. W. SWANTON

THE England selectors have contented themselves with the minimum of changes for the Test beginning next Thursday at the Oval which will decide the series against India: Boycott naturally returns, and Underwood, just as naturally, for the injured Gifford.

There are 12 names, Jameson lying in reserve in case Boycott does not stand up to the test in the game between Yorkshire and Essex starting today at Hull.

There is not usually much dislocation of a team that has done well, as England's did after the early batting had failed in the first innings at Old Trafford.

Another batsman might have forced his way in with exceptional form, but no one quite answers that test.

Probably the only name that needed lengthy consideration was that of Snow, who after Leaver's all-round feats, found his way into the side at the expense of either Price or Hutton.

As to these, Price bowled as fast and as well as any bowler of his kind could have been expected to at Old Trafford. He could not stand up to comparison with Snow who was both in prime form, but the fact is that the latter, since he played in the Lord's Test three weeks ago, has taken only a further four expensive wickets.

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THEIR AVERAGES

G. Boycott	W	R	Ave	50s	100s
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By MICHAEL MELFORD at Eastbourne

SUSSEX beat Kent yesterday evening by two runs, amid tremendous excitement of the fifth ball of the last over at the Saffrons.

The result was settled not by Greig's bowling of Kent's No. 11, but by the fact that a doctor was actually stitching up a cut on Denness's nose at the moment the ball was bowled.

Kent's acting captain had hit a ball from Spencer up into his face half an hour earlier, and had been helped off the field in distress when he had made 71 superb runs and Kent were on the way to accomplishing the massive task of scoring 218 in 110 minutes of over time.

Griffith's declaration by normal reckoning, asked too much of Kent, but the Saffrons is a fast-scoring ground.

Lushburn, with many uncomplicated samples of the pulled drive, had launched Kent so well that at tea they were 100 for one and needed only 118 runs in the last 20 overs. Denness dropped when two at deep, square leg by Snow, off Joshi, shared with him in a

second wicket stand of 84 in 37 minutes, and carried on afterwards. Though Greig, bowling and fielding as if he were taking on Kent by himself, was making things increasingly difficult and removed Ash in the morning on a more awkward pitch had earned Kent four bonus points, only 52 runs were needed in eight overs from six wickets when Denness had his accident.

This stopped Kent in their tracks, but a mighty piece of hitting by Shepherd, including three sixes off Spencer, recovered the lost ground and when he was caught off a skier, only eight more runs were needed off eight balls.

But Underwood was caught at long-on next ball and seven runs were needed in the last over. When a fast ball was bowled, Denness hit it still thought that he was in the pavilion told of the doctor's dilemma.

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Yachting

BRITAIN'S CHANCE IN ATHENS

By DAVID THORPE

IAIN MACDONALD-SMITH, the national Finn champion, Patrick Pym, reserve at Acapulco in the Mexico Olympics, and young Richard Storer represent Britain in the Finn European Championships starting in Athens this weekend.

It will be Pym's first competitive event since a four-week ban was imposed on him by the Royal Yachting Association following an incident during Kiel Week.

Pym is sailing with the British aluminium mast which has been selected as Finn standard for next year's Olympics. He takes the title of the British Olympic yachting team boat, selected by the Royal Yachting Association in the Finn Junior Championship in Athens last week.

In an international fleet of the world's top single-handed sailors, British hopes rest primarily on the national champion, although Pym has beaten Macdonald-Smith in the greater proportion of the races this season in which they have both sailed.

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Rugby Union: Fourth International

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By JOHN REASON in Auckland, New Zealand

THE British Isles are expecting New Zealand to revert to 10-man rugby in an attempt to win the last international at Eden Park, Auckland, and so share the series at two-all.

It is hard to see how else the All Blacks can play with the backs who have been chosen. They all look like mini-Macraes and they are confidently expected to spend the afternoon running into their opponents to set up rucks.

Rucking in New Zealand has gone back a long way even in the last two years, but this committal game is still a most effective form of rugby, and it would play to the mobility of the All Black pack.

It is worth remembering that New Zealand won the second international in Christchurch decisively when their fly-half passed the ball only twice in the afternoon.

On that occasion they had a fly-half with sufficient pace to make a choice of tactics, but with Wayne Cottrell replacing Bob Burgess in this match their approach is likely to be restricted from necessity rather than choice.

This drops the task of winning the match to New Zealand squarely on the shoulders of scrum-half Sid Going and his forwards. It is only fair to say that the Lions' forwards are well as the men at the heart of the New Zealand selection and management are not optimistic.

There was a fascinating comment from the Lions' camp that the All Black manager and selectors travelled back to Auckland in the same car as Carwyn James, the Lions' coach, who sat next to Ivan Vodanovich, the New Zealand coach and chief selector.

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SYLVIA CLAYTON'S CHOICE

Sir Walter Scott, born 200 years ago on Aug. 15, worked himself to death to pay off debts of £120,000 when his publishing house collapsed. The long shelf of over 100 novels was filed in 18 years, and for the last six the pressures were overwhelming. In Sir Walter Scott (R.B.C. Sat., 9.50 p.m.), a dramatized documentary film with a strongly Scottish cast at Abbotsford, Scott's mansion in the Borders country, the author's struggle is recalled.

The four musical songs of Bach, often overshadowed by the great Johann Sebastian, are the subject of Workshop (R.B.C. 2, Sun., 8.45 p.m.). Raymond Leppard and the English Chamber Orchestra illustrate the programme with extracts from their symphonies.

The Chaps (TV, Sun., 10.20 p.m.), adapted from his novel by Tony Hoare, is the story of three men who come out of prison on the same day, written by the author from first-hand experience of eight years in jail. The play's cast includes Georgia Brown as a gangster's girlfriend.

Radio celebrates the Scott centenary with a talk by Prof. Hugh Trevor-Roper on the novelist as historian, Sir Walter Scott and History (Radio 3, Sun., 8.55 p.m.).

Thomas Hardy's "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" has been dramatised into four hour-long instalments by Desmond Hawkins and can be heard in The Sunday Play (Radio 4, Sun., 8.30 p.m.). Emily Richard is Tess, John Ronane Alec, and television's 'Bal Am' Robin Ellis is Angel Clare.

1.45-2.15-2.45: Sports Special—Tennis: Cup & European Games; results; scores; Wrestling at 1: Results at 4.50.

5.5-6.15: Victoria (serial). Colour Channel 50

6.5-7.15: News, 6.15, No. That's Me Over Here. rpt. 6.45, Des O'Connor.

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11.15-11.30: Best of Aquarius. 11.45, Manhunt, rpt.

12.45-News to Me.

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pm-8.55: My Teenage Daughter (1936 A film): Anna Neagle.

9-9.15: News: Sport: Weather: 9.15: Message to Moscow, rpt. 9.15: Balzac's Cousin Belle (serial play).

10-10.15: Knockie 1971 (price-winning entries in the TV quiz show): Sir Walter Scott (documentary): The Robert Urquhart.

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HEATH WILL STAY OUT OF ROW OVER LYNCH

By ROWLAND SUMMERSCALES, Political Staff
THE Prime Minister, Mr Maudling, the Home Secretary, and Lord Carrington, Defence Secretary, decided yesterday not to be drawn into a public argument over the "throw out Stormont" attack of Mr Lynch, the Irish Republic Prime Minister.

At a one-and-a-half-hour meeting at 10 Downing Street it was decided that it was not necessary to repeat the historical facts that the border is inviolable and that the constitution is not an issue.

IRA 'DEFEAT'
By RICHARD COX
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On Wednesday morning alone the 1st Battalion recovered four gunmen's bodies after the battle in Ballymurphy, and the soldiers in the battle believed they had wounded at least seven more.

The "Starlight scope" fitted to their rifles gives them clear illumination of the target at night combined with telescopic enlargement of the target. It has given all the battalion a tremendous advantage over the gunmen.

Security advice
Certainly even if the hard core IRA have not been fully defeated they have received such a pasting that they are unlikely to attempt a head-on confrontation with the Army again.

Mr Faulkner's reply has made it clear that he will not be prepared to meet Mr Lynch, and presumably Mr Lynch would not want to see the Prime Minister of a Government he wishes to tear down from office.

Mr Lynch has offered to bring the date forward, but Ministers will want to watch the progress of the security operation, which was launched only six days ago.

They are delighted to have got to grips with their enemy with a toughness long denied them, even though Colonel Wilford commented to me: "We were only using a twentieth of our capability."

There is still plenty of work to do despite the gains, which has the incidental virtue of encouraging the rioters who normally support gunmen.

It is, however, true that television reports have angered some soldiers. In particular a BBC interview earlier this week with an IRA sympathiser who was not named, caused indignation.

The troops felt that an unidentified man's charges of brutality against the Army should not have been broadcast unchanged by the Army's point of view.

£16m CLAIMS FOR ULSTER RIOT DAMAGE
By Our Insurance Correspondent
Claims totalling about £16 million have been lodged against the Government of Northern Ireland for riot damage.

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TRAIN KILLS FOUR
By Our Paris Staff
Four French campers, including two children, were killed by an express train yesterday two miles north of Aix-les-Bains. They were trying to cross the line on a curve.

Faulkner accuses Lynch

coming about by means acceptable to our community as a whole, majority as well as minority, and external meddling does no good whatever.
"Utter firmness"
Because we have been willing—and remain willing—to have full participation in our affairs by all those interests which are truly prepared to play a constructive and responsible part, let no one imagine that the people I represent are to be coerced from their fundamental principle by IRA violence, by Southern intrusion, or by any other means.

Our constitutional position, guaranteed time and again by successive British Governments, is not an issue upon this with utter firmness."
Opposition MP's reaction
Mr John Hume, one of the leaders of the Social Democratic Labour Party, said he was disappointed to see Mr Lynch's statement today in a telephone conversation from Londonderry.

He said: "The system of government set up by the 1920 Act has clearly proved to be peace, justice and stability for Northern Ireland. This lesson has been staring everyone in the face since August, 1969."

"Westminster should remember the reasons why British troops came to our streets and why they intervened in August, 1969, to impose justice after fifty years without it."

"Today we are being asked to accept that these same troops should shore up the men and the system which are the architects of the problem and which were the reason for the troops coming here in the first place."

The Westminster Government has not at all times been open to it in the present situation: the road of repression and coercion, or suspension of the existing system leading to talks about new arrangements.

"The British Government has chosen the former means, ignoring the lessons of Irish history with predictably disastrous results."

Mr Lynch is right to point this out, and he is in a very strong position to make such a statement in view of the restraint and responsibility with which his Government has approached the problem over the past two years.

Mr Hume claims considerable success for his party's campaign of civil disobedience. He says that many council tenants are refusing to pay their rents, and that non-Unionist councillors have given up attendance in many areas.

Officials at Stormont point out that it is far too early to judge what success the campaign has achieved in its most recent intensified phase, since council tenants normally take place only once a week, and the first week's rent since interment will only just have become due.

They admit, however, that in many places passive resistance to the local authorities is still under way before interment.

White Paper
Mr Faulkner's decision to issue a White Paper on the reforms which have already been achieved or set in motion, is widely welcomed as the most effective return to Mr Lynch's criticisms of the Northern Ireland Government.

Meanwhile, a brief list of these reforms can be compiled:
The property qualification for the local government franchise has been abolished, and the principle of "one man one vote" introduced as in central government.

An act has been passed to provide for the setting up of an independent Boundary Commission to fix the boundaries of local government constituencies.

An ombudsman has been established to deal with grievances against central government and a Commissioner for Complaints in deal with grievances against local government.

A points system for the allocation of houses has been set up and a central organisation to administer it has been established.

A Community Relations Ministry has been created, and legislation to hatred made illegal: Londonderry is administered by a commission consisting of Catholics and Protestants, and the entire structure of local government throughout the Six Counties is being reorganised on principles widely accepted by all parties.

The first full election under the new system will take place in late 1972. Codes have been formulated for the elimination of employment discrimination by all official bodies: the police have been completely civilianised.

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EIRE'S 'STEPS TO STAMP OUT IRA'

The Irish Republic's Minister for Justice, Mr Desmond O'Malley, said in Dublin last night his Government had taken effective steps to stamp out the IRA in the South.

Referring to Mr Faulkner's attack on Mr Lynch's speech, he said: "Mr Faulkner cannot excuse the shortcomings of his administration by attacking the Government here."

WEST PROTESTS AT BERLIN WALL CELEBRATION

By Our Bonn Staff
East Germany celebrated the tenth anniversary yesterday of the building of the Berlin Wall with a parade of armed combat groups of Communist factory militias in Unter den Linden.

Thousands of people had been summoned to line the streets. West Berlin City Commandants, Berlin's famous boulevard walled off from the West.

RUSSIA ATTACKS ULSTER ACTION

The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia yesterday called Northern Ireland "the white colony of British imperialism."

It said there had been no let-up in the fighting or rather, the fighting against a proud people who can no longer tolerate ruthless exploitation, humiliation and lawlessness.

The authorities had answered the demands of "fighters for civil rights" by occupying Ulster with troops and inciting Fascist-like Protestant ultras to start pogroms.

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IRA LEADER

By TONY CONYERS and PHILIP EVANS
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in short supply, although they had guns.

They realised they could not take on the Army in open combat. It had been necessary to regroup within the past 24 hours and there would be a return to urban guerrilla tactics.

"We can only hold out a few more days unless we get more ammunition."

Mr Kennedy appealed to Southern Ireland to come to their rescue, and said there would be no peace in Ulster until the Army had withdrawn from its shores.

"Innocent people" had been "murdered" by the Army, backed up by the Volunteer Force. More than 1,000 had been forced out of their homes to which they would never return. Over 8,000 refugees had fled across the border. Three hundred men had been arrested. He said that the British Government, headed by a member, had been constituted a public demonstration.

More seriously, it is being asked whether any militant Protestants had been interfered. On this, Mr Faulkner said to me yesterday afternoon: "The security authorities have been to my attention and evidence of organised and armed subversive activities by any militant Protestant body. I can assure you that if there is any evidence of armed illegal activities by anyone of any religion or political persuasion he will be liable to internment."